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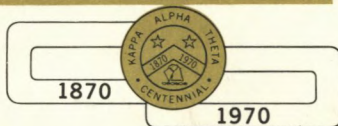
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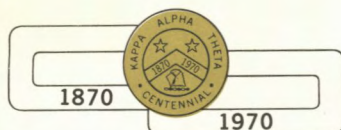
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## THETA TODAY

*Dear Theta,*

Once, before I had experienced you, I never realized what sisterhood was all about . . . how being a part of a group yet retaining my own individuality could possibly affect my life.

For months, we as a pledge class piece by piece constructed a kite. Our leadership gave us the backbone, our love and loyalty gave us its strength. They say the tail of a kite will determine whether or not it will fly; with each bit of knowledge we gained about you and your many traditions, we gave it a tail. Together we flew our kite and as it soared higher we began adding new and different ideas. As individuals with our own creativity, we gave part of ourselves in the making of this kite; it was unique and will always be called our own for this very reason. With the wind on our side guiding us along, our kite was flying high, flying strong . . . it was time, we were ready to take hold and help fly your kite "with the twin stars shining bright."

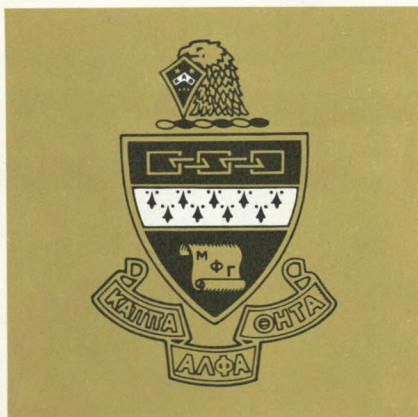
Our love to you as a chapter, a pledge class, an individual member means something crucial . . . that we belong together; that we have chosen one another, not for names' sake, but freely and with joy; that we are happier together than we are in isolation; that we can learn from one another, grow with one another and will accept the responsibilities that come with sorority life. Our commitment means that we will not willingly or easily break these bonds, for in breaking them we betray not only you, but what is deepest in ourselves.

*Theta love,*

LEE LANE

*The magazine proudly presents the winning submission in the Centennial Essay Contest for collegiates written by Lee Lane as a sophomore, Gamma Psi, Texas Christian.*





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AN INTRODUCTION: People, very *special* people, Thetas, have built this fraternity. As you peruse the pages of this Centennial Issue, with its testament to accomplishment and to joy in the past century, you will see the invisible footprints of approximately 82,000 sisters. There is no history, only biography, said Ralph Waldo Emerson. This past century is the biography of every Theta who wears or has worn our beloved kite. May it sail ever upward!

Loyally and affectionately,  
NORMA ANDERSON JORGENSEN  
*Grand President*

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## THETA

### ELIZABETH McREYNOLDS LOCKE

Since Bettie Locke was a member of a family who valued and enjoyed intellectual pursuits, it is not surprising that she wanted a college education. Her father, a Methodist minister, had been president of two colleges before returning to Greencastle as head of Asbury's mathematics department. Dr. Locke was a member of Beta Theta Pi, Bettie's brother belonged to Phi Gamma Delta.

Much like her father in looks and temperament, a classmate wrote of Bettie, "She was of sober mein, with a pleasant manner. She was of medium height . . . her step was elastic, her bearing erect." He might have added that she was quick in speech and action, impetuous but determined, a fighter for what she considered just and right. She was also energetic and idealistic, loved to study.

After her graduation in 1871, Bettie taught at the Illinois school for the deaf and dumb until her marriage in 1876 to E. A. Hamilton, a merchant of Jerseyville, Illinois. Their two daughters became members of Theta at Alpha.

### ALICE OLIVE ALLEN

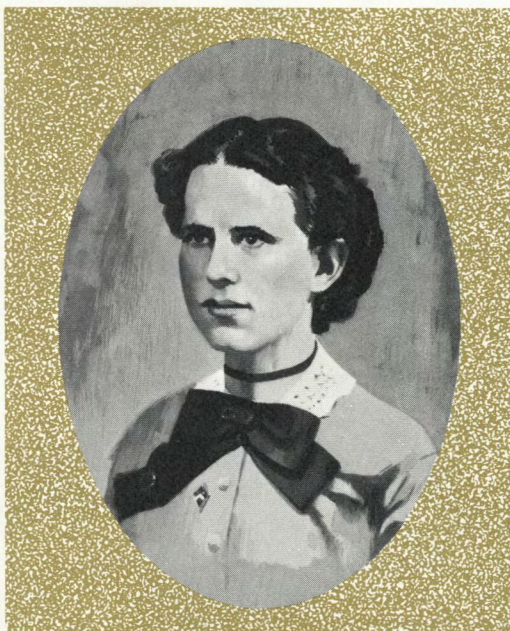
Money was scarce in the middle of the 19th century, but Mr. and Mrs. William Allen helped and encouraged Alice, the oldest of their 11 children, in her struggle to get an education. When she was 14 years old, her parents sent her to Waveland Academy, a seminary for girls about 25 miles away from their farm home. Alice graduated in two years and began her studies at Asbury University in the fall of 1867.

Alice was a quiet girl with soft grey eyes. Tactful, friendly, slow to anger, she was a peacemaker, happiest when doing for others.

In her calm way, however, she showed determination. During her first year at college she made the ten mile round trip between school and home on horseback; the first semester of her second year she was out of school, teaching in order to earn money to complete her course.

After teaching for seven years following her graduation in 1871, Alice resigned to be married to T. J. Brant, a former classmate in college. Their only daughter, Edith, attended De Pauw and became a member of Theta.





## FOUNDERS

### BETTIE TIPTON

Northern Kentucky in the Cumberland Hills was the location of the rich plantation home of Bettie Tipton. A fair-haired, blue-eyed girl, Bettie was the oldest child in the family. Because of her sunny disposition and gift of humor she was popular, made friends rapidly.

At the private school Bettie attended with her brothers and sisters, she excelled in mathematics and scientific studies and thus was allowed to enroll as a sophomore when she went to Asbury in the fall of 1869.

When approached about Theta she was very enthusiastic and helped interest Hannah Fitch in becoming the fourth founding member.

Bettie was eager to return to Asbury for her junior year, but a younger sister prevailed on her to go to Millersburg College, nearer their home. Bettie carried Theta to Millersburg with her, but the chapter lived only a year.

After graduation in 1871, Bettie was married in 1873, to John Lindsey. They had no children of their own, but they adopted a daughter and also made a home for several others.

### HANNAH VIRGINIA FITCH

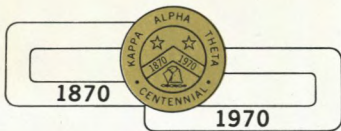
Entering Asbury in 1869 Hannah Virginia Fitch had expected to find a life fuller and richer than the extremely good life she had at home in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Instead, she felt like a stranger in an alien land, until Theta came into her life in 1870. From a shy, retiring girl she changed into a leader who forgot herself in her zeal for her fraternity.

To her, Theta owes its permanence and much of its prestige. Her bravery and determination carried the fraternity through the difficult early years and paved the way for the future.

Possessed with a keen mind, Hannah Fitch ranked among the first in her class. She also organized the Philomathean society at Asbury and served as its first president; she became the first girl on the editorial staff of the college newspaper. She loved music and often played the organ for the chapel exercises.

Soon after graduation in 1873, she married a former classmate, Archibald Shaw. One of their eight children, Ella Margaret, attended DePauw and became a member of Theta there.





THE WORLD IN . . . . .

# 1870

1870 saw Andrew Johnson leaving the U. S. presidency he had assumed following Lincoln's death. Ulysses S. Grant succeeded him as leader of a nation still suffering from the Civil War.

*The telegraph was the primary communication system of the 70's, and was the first to use hired woman-power as operators. Women were excluded, however, from bank work due to official opinion that it would be dangerous—morally and officially.*

The struggle between the dries and wets was official—the Prohibition Party came into being.

*In 1870 Congress reduced internal taxes and did away with the income tax which they felt called forth dishonesty.*

A life preserving jacket was perfected and the invention of a cattle self-watering device was entered into the public record.

*In foreign affairs the U. S. and Britain were at odds—the U. S. was blaming Britain for causing the war to be extended by aiding the Confederates with supplies. A public apology was asked.*

Dress reform was one of women's preoccupations during the 1870's particularly by one Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, with her "bloomer costume."

*During the 60's and 70's only one in five Americans lived in cities.*

Hit tunes in the very recent memory of the nation were *Jingle Bells*, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *Darling Nellie Gray* and *Dixie*.

*Efforts were begun in 1870 to relocate the U.S. capitol in the central location of St. Louis, Missouri. This brought on citizen effort and legislation in Washington, D.C. to refurbish the city befitting the home of a reunited government as Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, rejoined the union.*

Mark Twain had just completed his second book, *The Innocents Abroad* . . . In England where Queen Victoria reigned, Thomas Hardy was writing *Far From the Madding Crowd* . . . In Russia Tolstoi offered *War and Peace* to the 70's . . . America's Mary Cassat was exhibiting with the Impressionist artists of Europe.



View of Greencastle's Vine St., north from Asbury, 1873.



Asbury campus, 1873; "Old Asbury" building in background.

*Spirit-visitation religious sects were not uncommon during this period. Many intelligent, well known persons were adherents of this belief such as Horace Greeley and Harriet Beecher Stowe.*

The United States was sympathetic toward Cuba and her efforts to secure independence from Spain.

*The Klu Klux Klan, originally organized to suppress the negro vote, was attacked through an Act of Congress in 1870 allowing lawful suppression and arrest of ringleaders. The act was later declared unconstitutional; the states were to handle this.*

When there was business in 1870, all the horses and buggies converged on this court house (built 1847) in Greencastle.





View of the same Vine Street, north from DePauw in 1970.



In 1970, DePauw Library stands on the "Old Asbury" site.

*As college enrollment figures rise each year, so does the cost of attending college. It now costs about \$1800 per year to attend a public college, about \$2700 per year to attend a private one.*

Even bigger jumbo jets are on the way and supersonic transports which will travel 1800 miles an hour and carry up to 300 passengers.

*The young person selecting a vocation today has a choice of many occupations which did not exist until recently. A few: audiologist, radiobiologist, computer programmer, astronaut, nuclear physicist.*

In 1970 automobiles whiz by this court house (vintage 1900) or angle park outside while people do business inside.

The old saying, "A woman's place is in the home," no longer applies. Over 41% of the U.S. female population now hold jobs outside the home.

*It takes just five hours from east coast to west coast in jet planes flying at 600 miles an hour.*

More than 200 million persons now live in our 50 states. About 70% of our citizens live in urban areas, 30% in rural areas.

*Medical science, moving in giant steps, has conquered polio and measles through vaccines and now is performing kidney and human heart transplants.*

Our working hours are growing shorter with a four-day week forecast for the near future.

*Riots and marches have dramatized civil rights. Minority groups are making progress in their search for equality as evidenced by the integration of schools, businesses, public facilities.*

The "new morality" of situation ethics seems to be replacing the strict codes of conduct of the past. Hippies, with their long hair and love beads, attract attention. New words are grass, juice, speed, trip.

*The Vietnam war continues despite peace efforts. Casualties total over 39,000 as of Nov. 1, 1969.*

More than 80 million cars travel our nation's highways—and help pollute the air we breathe.

*Government programs such as VISTA, the Job Corps, The Neighborhood Youth Corps, provide a frontal attack on our War on Poverty.*

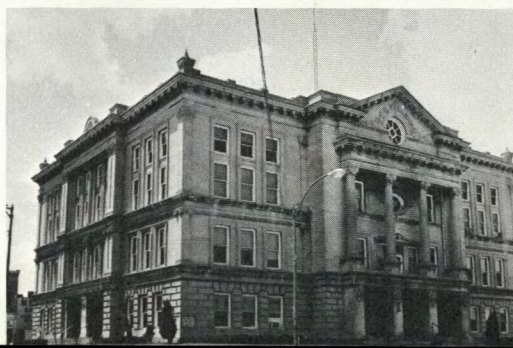
TV fills our leisure time, expanding our horizons and, perhaps, contributing to violence and crime.

*Life expectancy has risen. Men are now expected to live 67 years, women 74. Already nearly 10% of our population is in the 65-and-over category.*

People are earning more (median family income is \$7,500) but seem to be able to buy less.

*And, of course, the most glorious fact of our century—the U.S. has landed men on the moon!*

Social Security is a new term this century, providing an assured "pension" for those over 65.



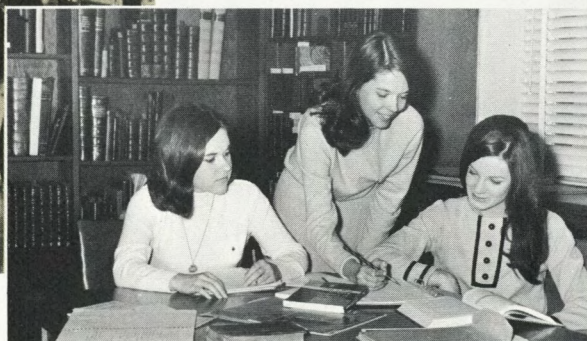


EDUCATION IN . . . .

1870



At left are early students at De-Pauw studying—books were thick and the expressions grim! 1970's libraries are less imposing: Thetas at study look quite happy with it.



Coeducation started at Oberlin College in 1837, but grew slowly. The arguments against women in college were these: 1) "It might rise them above their station" 2) They did not have the intellect to do the work 3) Their presence might distract the males 4) Even if their minds could stand the strain of the work, their feeble bodies could not.

*When the University of Missouri opened the doors of its Normal Department to women in 1870 the president commented, "Finding . . . the young women at 'the Normal' did no manner of harm, we very cautiously admitted them to some of the recitations and lectures in the university building itself, providing always that they were to be marched in good order, with at least two teachers, one in front and the other in the rear of the column as guards."*

But if men were suspicious of the women, the women kept their distance from the men. Rules at the Wesleyan Female College forbade their boarding pupils to attend picnics or parties or "to walk, ride or correspond with any gentleman, other than father, brother, uncle or guardian." Callers were received only in the public parlor, "under no circumstances . . . in their private rooms without permission from the Governess."

*One of the very earliest physical education programs was instituted at Vassar College. Women exercised regularly in what was then known (most appropriately) as Calisthenics Hall.*

The University of Pennsylvania was a pioneer in enrolling women in pre-med, teachers' courses and in graduate school. Others offered ladies' programs in

theology, home economics. "Kitchen Laboratories" were started to draw more paying students.

*At William and Mary this was the grading system: 1) First in their class, orderly and attentive and making flattering improvement 2) Orderly and attentive and making respectable improvement 3) Making little improvement, probably from want of diligence 4) Having learned little or nothing, probably on account of escapades and idleness . . . Columbia's grades were simpler—proficient or deficient!*

Land grant colleges sometimes accepted "Manual Labor" in place of tuition, completing work on unfinished buildings this way. (P. S. It is reported some of the student work had to be done over.)

*Sunday was a sacrosanct day at school. "Under no circumstances" were the "duties of the week or composition writing (to) be permitted."*

With nearly nine-tenths of the early schools religion affiliated, heated debates and even fights raged between them and the new land grant, state supported schools which sprang up and claimed to present a clearer picture of the modern community.

*One campus organization, The National Education Association, was founded in 1870—and thrives today . . . The first intercollegiate football game was played in 1869 between Rutgers and Princeton and football is around today! . . . And come to think of it, those women in colleges, they are around today!*



## ..... Theta Links the Centuries

EDUCATION IN .....

# 1970



First Asbury women show r., Thetas Bettie Locke, 2d from r., Alice Allen. Following in Bettie's footsteps is 1970 DePauw student, gr.-granddaughter Carole Cones.



By 1980 it is predicted that student enrollment in U.S. colleges may more than double the 6,500,000 now attending.

*Out of the 2,000 colleges in the U.S. about 275 are independent women's colleges.*

Women received 40% of the 500,000 bachelor degrees given by colleges this year, also earned 33% of the master's degrees, 12% of Ph.D's awarded.

*After seven centuries of no-admittance to Cambridge University in England, girl students are being accepted at one of its all-male colleges. In the U.S., such all-male strongholds as Yale and Princeton are admitting women.*

The median number of years of education for the entire population has risen. Now our average adult has completed more than 12 years of school; over half of today's high school graduates attend college.

*Students in 1970 are caught up in the social, political and religious issues of the day and on some college campuses militant students and radical groups are providing headaches for administrators.*

College rules are changing. Mt. Holyoke revised parietal rules as follows: Men guests may be in rooms during 7A.M. to midnight, the "no liquor on campus" rules are being liberalized. Other changes: a black culture center will be established and co-education will be experimented with as well as a ten-college exchange program. (Mt. Holyoke College

students of today would probably not believe that admission rules in the early days stated that "no young lady shall become a member of this school who cannot kindle a fire, wash potatoes and repeat the multiplication table!")

*Many colleges have "senior keys"—and even some junior and sophomore keys—where girls literally have "no hours" day or night.*

With overcrowding on main campuses, many colleges are establishing extension centers in other cities for live-at-home students. Two-year junior colleges, often offering free tuition, also serve the stay-at-home, now enroll more than 1,500,000 students.

*Pass-Fail grading is taking the place of letter (A, B, C, D, E) grading in many colleges.*

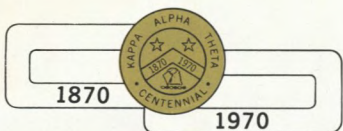
Some schools no longer record class rank, though graduate schools still want these records.

*Wellesley now offers more than 500 courses, 107 of these newly added, while Biblical History, a course required since founding, has been dropped.*

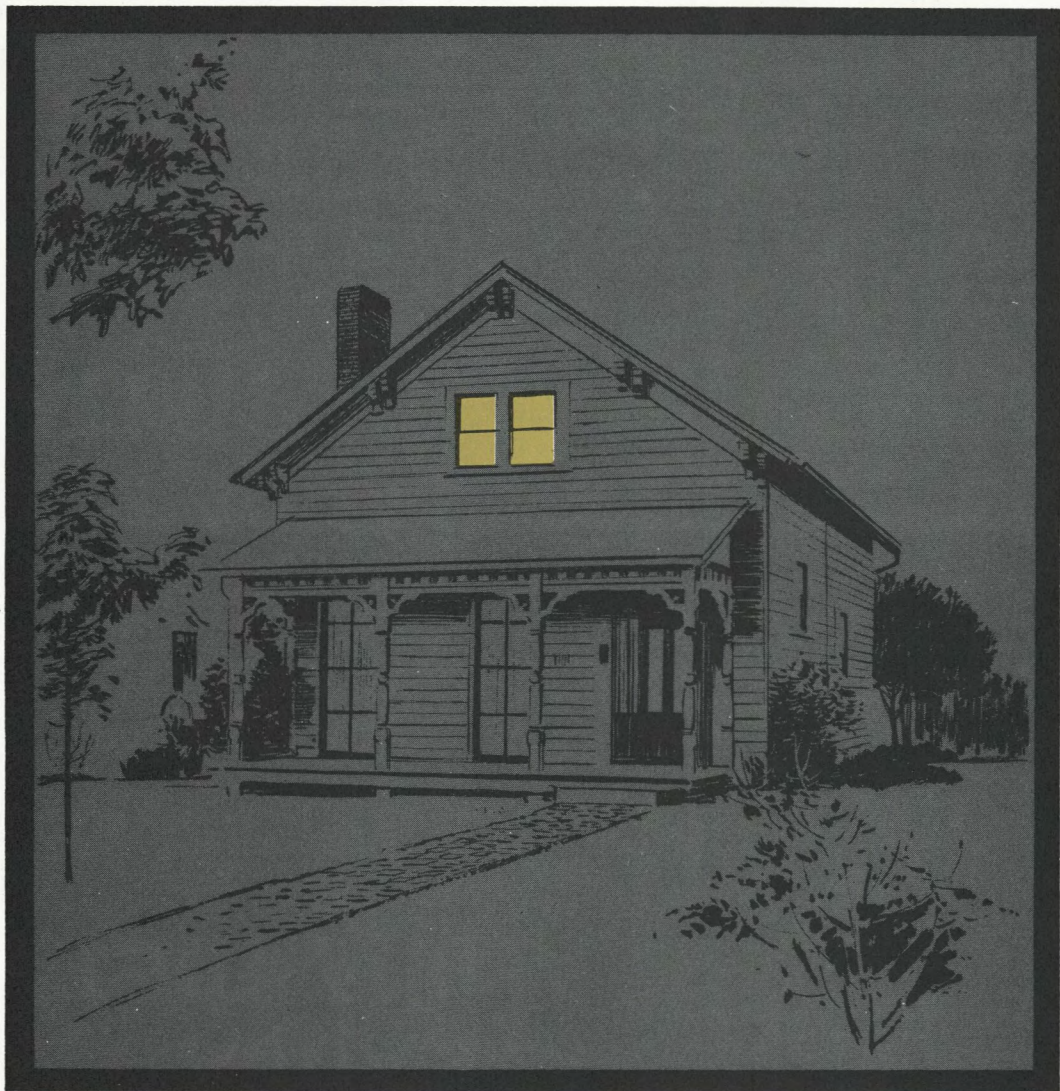
Independent study, for students with enough maturity to guide their own learning; cluster colleges, with smaller classes to give students a greater feeling of personal worth; curriculum expansion to include such subjects as Economic Controversy, The Culturally Disadvantaged Child—all these contribute to the fast changing scene of education 1970.

*Old photos, pages 4-7, courtesy DePauw Archives.*





Theta Links the Centuries . . . . .



Where Kappa Alpha Theta began: Initiation of the four founders took place in the upstairs front room shared by Alice Allen and Hannah "Jennie" Fitch in the home of a Mrs. Allen (no relation) near the Asbury University campus.



## THE FOUNDING—JANUARY 27, 1870

◆ Although they were from different backgrounds and unlike in many respects, the founders of Kappa Alpha Theta had two characteristics in common: a genuine liking for people and unusual scholastic ability. These qualities are still conspicuous among Thetas today.

The point where their lives converged was Indiana Asbury University, a church-related school founded in 1837. (It later became DePauw to honor Washington C. DePauw who had come to the school's financial rescue.) In those earliest days Greencastle, Indiana was only a village, the one big college building was dingy and the social life was described as "humdrum" although six national men's fraternities had chapters there. However, when Asbury opened its doors to women students in 1867, four promptly enrolled. Two of them, Bettie Locke and Alice Allen, became close friends, sharing a determination to excel in their studies and graduate from college.

When Bettie was asked by a young man to wear his Phi Gamma Delta pin, she considered the matter carefully and decided she would if she could be a regularly initiated member. The fraternity was not willing to initiate her, so Bettie declined the honor.

Perhaps in jest, Bettie's father suggested that she organize a fraternity of her own. Although the idea appealed to her, she had no interest in belonging to a little local society and wished she knew of a good national organization with which a local chapter might be affiliated. Literary societies, patterned after men's debating clubs, were becoming popular at other coeduca-

tional colleges, but these and other groups were not based on the Greek idea of friendship nor did they emphasize Greek culture and customs.

Realizing that the fraternal bonds she envisioned might strengthen and encourage the female students, Bettie decided to organize a fraternity for women. She confided the plan to Alice who shared her enthusiasm.

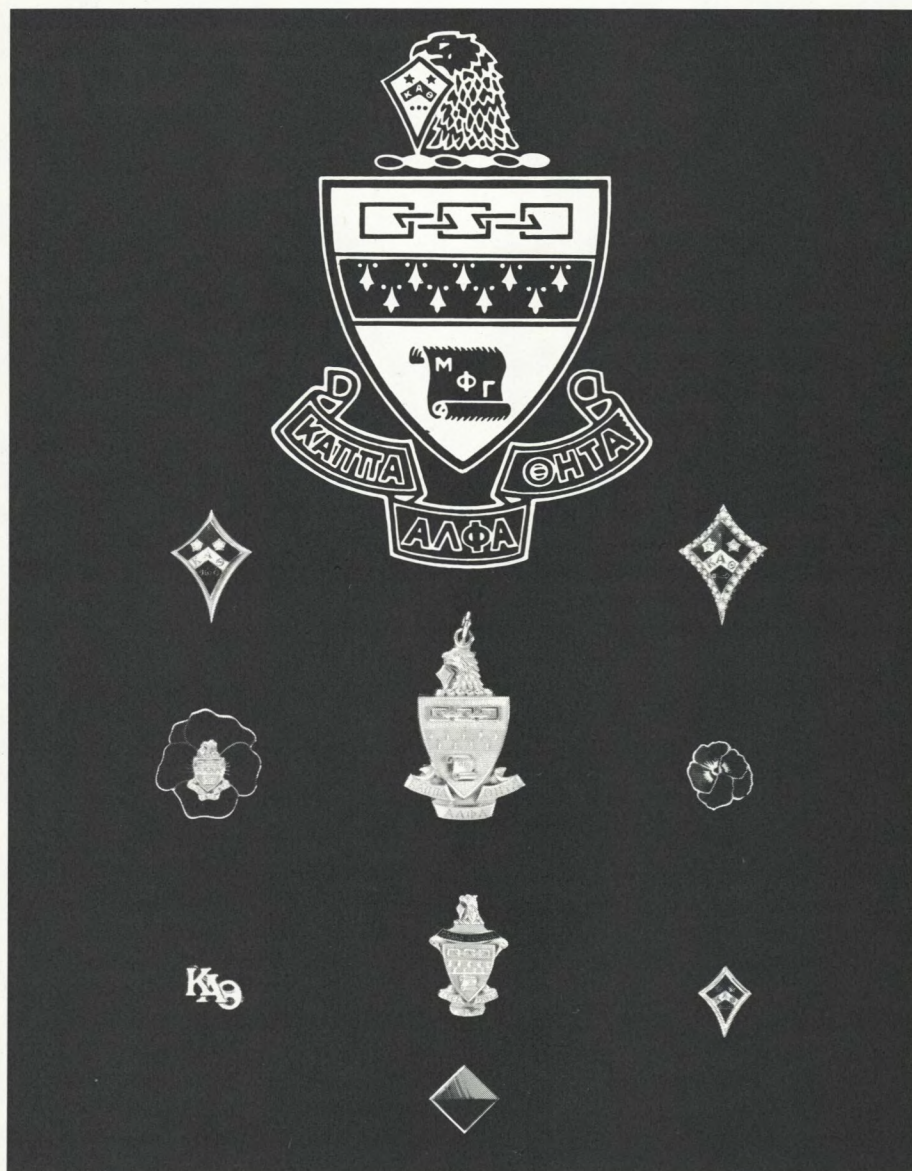
With her customary energy, Bettie studied heraldry as illustrated in the family dictionary and with the help of her father, she also studied parliamentary usage to learn how to conduct a meeting. Then she drew up the constitution and by-laws in simple, yet forceful language.

The careful preparations the two girls made took many months, but by the spring of 1869 they were thinking in terms of a national organization. They chose Hannah Fitch, also Bettie Tipton that fall and the four finally selected the badge. Final details were worked out by a New York jeweler who added the tiny gold letters which give the year of Theta's founding.

At last they were ready. At a secret meeting on January 27, 1870 in the room shared by Alice and Hannah in a private residence, Kappa Alpha Theta was formally organized. The girls had written a simple initiation ceremony, the principal features of which are the basis of the present ritual, characterized by earnestness and solemnity. Bettie was the first, taking her vows before a mirror, then she initiated Alice, Bettie Tipton and Hannah in that order.

No minutes were kept of that meeting, but, obviously, Kappa Alpha Theta was a good idea whose time had come!





THETA EMBLEMS—Center, top to bottom: crest; founder's crest charm given to retiring Grand Council members; Grand Council pin; pledge pin. Top left & right: plain standard badge; jeweled badge. Middle left & right: housemother's pin (awarded after ten years); fifty-year-award. Bottom left & right: recognition pins, Greek letters & small badge. Not shown: pansy pin, which is seventy-five-year award.



## THETA EMBLEMS

### Theta's Pin

It was only natural that when founder Bettie Locke began thinking about a badge for "the first Greek letter fraternity known among women," that she should turn to her father, a member of Beta Theta Pi, for help. He, in turn, spoke to a fellow Asbury professor about it. Thus it was that Professor John Clark Ridpath referred Bettie to New York jeweler, Fred J. Newman, a Phi Gamma Delta brother.

Bettie's first letter to Newman, signed with her initials, elicited a reply as of January 31, 1870 to B. M. Locke, Esq., a mistake in gender quickly righted. It was Newman who recommended the curved, kite-like sides for the pin—but the symbolism of the kite was not envisioned; it came later. The four founders' pins cost \$30.00 for the dies, \$10.00 for each pin. No detail of the original design has ever been altered, only dimensions and border designs

have changed. The kite shape, black background, white chevron with KAΘ, two diamond stars, the gold founding date are as they were when worn to Asbury chapel by the four on March 14, 1870.

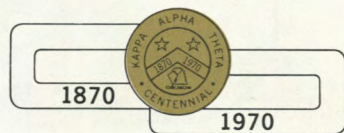
The original badge was one inch in length by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch wide. By 1907 convention decree the standard badge now is .80 × .56 of an inch. Over the years badges have been both "plain" or with jeweled edges, turquoise being popular around the turn of the century.

### Theta's Coat of Arms

The first official coat of arms was designed in 1877 and was merely an emblematic design including the badge, an arch surmounted by a crown, a chain of stars and other symbols. This emblem was used widely on stationery and jewelry until 1907 when the standard badge was adopted and use of its kite design restricted to the pin alone. At the same convention the coat of arms of the present was adopted, heraldically correct in every particular and with the crest (*see opposite page*) its predominant feature.

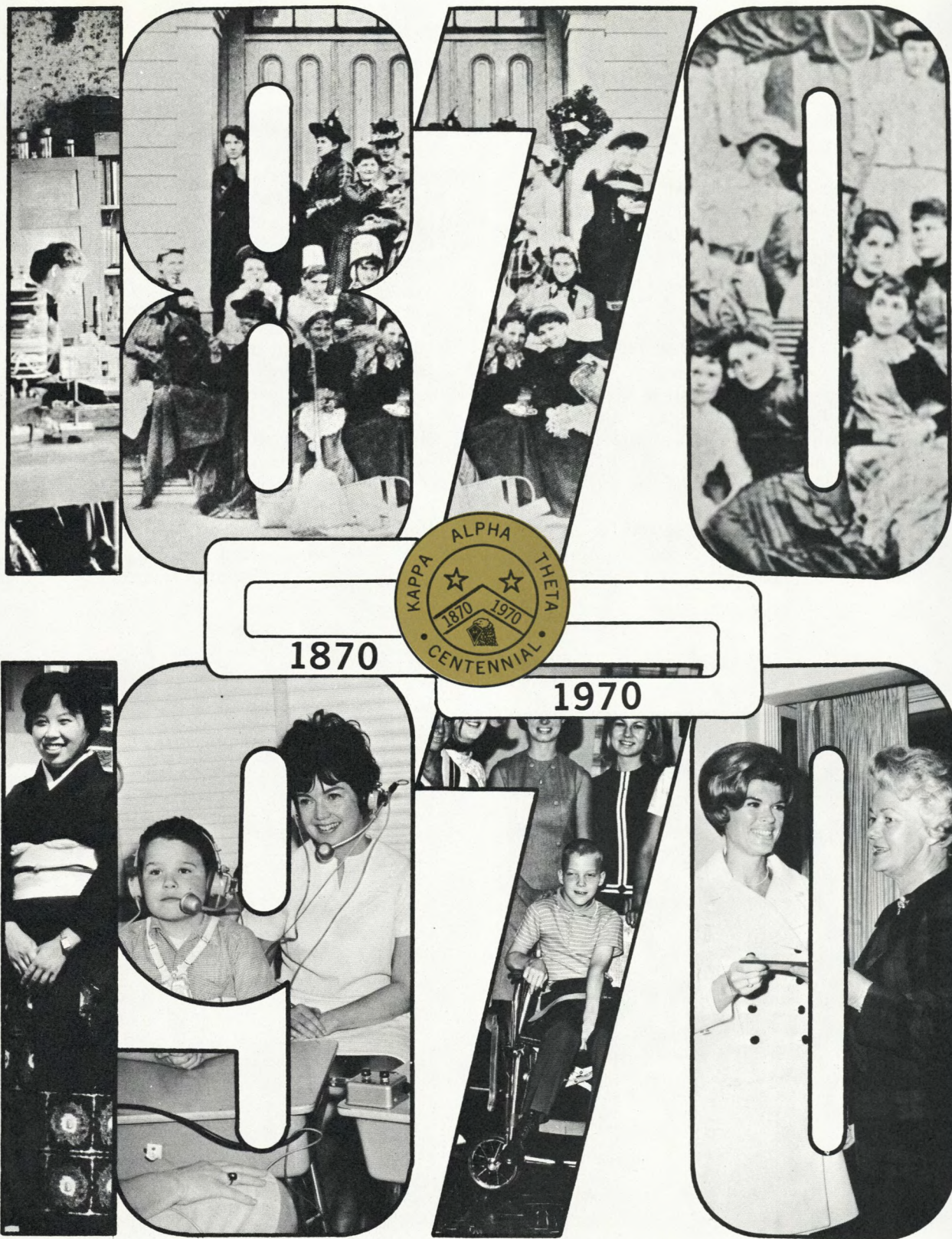


Enlargement of Bettie Locke Hamilton's founder's pin, still beautiful after 100 years. Alpha guard was added later.



Theta Links the Centuries . . . . .





## A CENTURY OF GIVING

Theta Links the Centuries . . . . . With Significant Service



## Loan and Fellowship Fund



Josephine Cook Lippincott, Kappa, who with the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter members, founded Loan & Fellowship Fund.

Kappa Alpha Theta philanthropy is the story of vision—the vision of Thetas who had the original ideas and the vision of Thetas who could see the possibilities in these ideas. It is the story of friendship, of cooperation, of faith and a desire to serve the needy, the gifted and the handicapped. It is the story of a great fraternity moving as a body to accomplish goals for today and for the future.

No greater example of such vision and cooperation can be found than in the Loan and Fellowship Fund. This was a dream from the heart of Josephine Cook Lippincott, Kappa, and the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter, who accepted the challenge of her idea and started it on the road to fulfillment.

We note several dates in our history for this great project but the February 1904 minutes of the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter record that eight members were present when the subject of a scholarship fund was enthusiastically presented. Should we question the clairvoyance of these women when from a surplus of \$15.20 in their treasury they voted to take \$10.00 and place it "in a savings bank to the credit of a

scholarship fund"? In such a manner and in such faith was our Scholarship Fund launched. Later this was to be known as the Loan and Fellowship Fund.

The fraternity was starting its 34th year, more women were going to four-year colleges, a few even on to graduate work. Why not a fund to encourage women in graduate study, even to study abroad, an exciting thought and at that time a daring one. The Los Angeles Chapter was just the one to respond to such a challenge. They saw no reason for delay and in March of 1904 a committee was appointed to implement their decision. In 1905 Grace Lavayea, Upsilon and Phi, presented the idea to the Grand Convention that the Scholarship Fund become a national rather than a chapter undertaking. The motion was adopted and Los Angeles made custodian of the fund.

Almost every convention wrote a new chapter in the history of this first project. At the 1907 convention a national committee of six alumnae was named, each residing in a different part of the country. This was a step forward for it did much to kindle interest in new areas. The 1909 convention reported that the deposit of \$10.00 had grown to \$600 and by the 1911 convention the sum had jumped to \$2500. Now it assumed the proportion of reality and again the convention moved forward and voted to give one-fourth of every \$3.00 initiation fee to the fund. This alone would assure about \$700 each year. Later when the initiation fee was raised at the 1917 convention, the fund became the beneficiary of one dollar from each initiate, where it remains today.

With more and more women in college, requests for loans were coming in. At the urging of Grand Council the 1913 convention adopted a plan to make 60% of the fund available for loans. Today the amount loaned to an individual has increased, the interest rate lowered and the entire amount, which was frozen at \$100,000, made into a loan fund.

Scholarships and fellowships were now possible from the yearly surplus of and interest on the Loan and Fellowship Fund. At the present date the fraternity continues to administer the loans but since the establishment of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation the fraternity has yearly given the surplus and interest to the Foundation



from which they grant annual scholarships and the biennial fellowship.

Other conventions changed the work of the committee to rotate among more alumnae chapters, some handling publicity and others administrative details. So from convention to convention this wonderful idea evolved into the living Loan and Fellowship Fund, helping, encouraging and sustaining many Thetas through loans and scholarships as well as Thetas and non-Thetas through the biennial fellowships. Since becoming an active loan fund in 1913, 1563 loans have been made totaling \$192,447. The Foundation has awarded 120 scholarships to Thetas. With seven fellowships to foreign students and 16 to women in this country, this makes a total of \$135,200 in scholastic awards.

#### Institute of Logopedics

From all over America and Canada alumnae chapters were developing strong social service interests. Where there was need in a community, there were Thetas working. Alumnae were writing asking for service projects. The time had come for a permanent national philanthropy. Under the able leadership of Pearl Van Sicken Higbie, Alpha Kappa, a survey was conducted to investigate the many worthy fields of endeavor and to determine which would be best suited as a national philanthropy. When all chapter votes were in there appeared to be three needs that appealed to the majority of chapters. From this expression, Theta officers, meeting at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs in 1944, reached the decision that there must be a national chairman of philanthropy, then known as Relief and Rehabilitation. Helen Stiles French, Lambda, was named to fill this office.

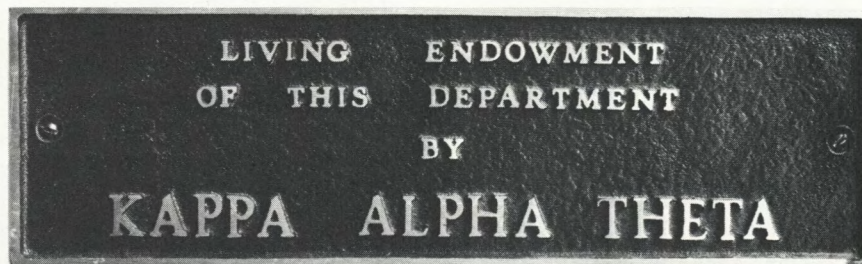
Two years later at the 1946 Pasadena convention, the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kansas was selected as the major permanent Theta philanthropy. The Institute, established in 1934 by Dr. Martin F. Palmer to bring speech to the silent, soon caught the hearts and imaginations of Thetas everywhere. It was an appealing project of human rehabilitation dealing mainly with children and under the guidance of the highly qualified and world-recognized Dr. Palmer, Thetas felt it a rare privilege to have a share in such wonderful work. By 1952 alumnae support was 100% for the Institute.

Other specialized projects followed.

In 1950 it had been decided that Kappa Alpha Theta should build a Theta Court, a housing project of twelve units, where children could live in family-like groups while receiving training and loving care. The Court was completed and paid for by 1955 at a cost of \$125,000. A maintenance fund of \$25,000, later raised to \$60,000 by the Foundation, was established, the interest from which would pay for yearly upkeep and replacement.

At the completion of the Court, Theta adopted the Occupational Therapy Department which has been supported yearly with a goal of \$25,000, the present goal of \$30,000 being set by the Foundation. The Occupational Therapy Department, so vital in the training of muscle coordination, has been helpful in sending literally thousands of children back to their homes and into life with normal or improved muscular control, enabling them to take their places as contributing members of society. Over the years since 1946 Theta has contributed \$518,542 to this worthy and vital work.

Our support for Logopedics thus continues.



In appreciation of Theta's efforts, this sign has been placed above the door of Institute's OT Dept.



## DePauw Memorial Library War Service Fund

The DePauw Memorial Library was closely related to Theta war effort of World War I in that it was established from the surplus of the War Service Fund at the close of the war. The money had been raised originally to equip the nurses of one base hospital, the total needed



Bookplate designed by Helen M. Brown, Chi, designates the books donated by Theta to the Memorial Library at DePauw.

being \$3,800. The goal had been reached with ease and enough additional to send Ruth Townley of Mu chapter, a Red Cross worker, to France. A second quota was called for and raised, with which to send another Red Cross Canteen worker. Before this could be done, however, the war fortunately came to a close and there remained a surplus in the fund. What should be done with the money became the question of the day.

The 1919 convention authorized the use of the balance for a Golden Jubilee Memorial to the fraternity's founders and a committee appointed to decide on an appropriate memorial was to report at the 1921 convention. Due to soaring costs the convention was postponed

until 1922. It was at that date that the Founders Memorial Committee report was made and approved establishing the Kappa Alpha Theta alcove of material on "women in industry" as a part of the DePauw University Library.

With the passage of time the original 250 titles have become well over 1100 and the classification enlarged to include women in all fields of endeavor as well as books authored by women. Annual additions are made with interest earned on the established fund.

## Marine Libraries Foster Parents' Plan

Again war invaded American lives and from the sadness and tragedy of World War II, two philanthropic programs were sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta. One, the Merchant Marine Libraries, filled a need of the hour and was given in loving memory of Theta's six girls who lost their lives in the service of their countries (Canada and the United States). Two hundred of the best modern and classic books as well as good reference books, the Bible and newest magazines were placed with bronze memorial plaques on special shelves in the ships.

The American Merchant Marine Library librarian wrote in September 1946, "It is with great pleasure that we are able to state that all of the Kappa Alpha Theta libraries have been placed on ships which promise to stay in com-



In memory of the six Thetas who lost their lives in World War II, six libraries were placed on merchant marine ships.



mission. The libraries will be well taken care of since each library was placed as a personal request from the master of each ship."

*In Memorial to:*

Lt. Eleanor Campbell Nate  
Lt. Marion C. Phillips  
Lt. Henrietta Hickman Morgan  
Lt. Margaret Seip  
Lt. Katherine Dussaq  
Section Officer—Jean Atkinson

The Foster Parents' Plan, with its heartfelt appeal, became a nationally sponsored program early in the war. Many college chapters adopted these small orphans and became foster mothers, providing these children with love and personal



Post Grand President Letty Munz and her husband have had two children under Foster Parents' Plan. Currently they have "adopted" this 11-year-old Chinese girl from Hong Kong. Says Letty, "Her name is May Kai. Her family fled from the Chinese Communists, now lives in crowded slum quarters. She writes us every month, is very appreciative of our aid."

interest through letters and gifts as well as basic necessities. Alumnæ chapters followed the lead of the college girls. Is it any wonder that Kappa Alpha Theta received in 1954 the first Brotherhood of Children Award ever given to an organization? Since that time many Thetas have visited their foster children and today many more are being adopted and feel this warmth of Theta love and concern. To date hundreds of boys and girls have been Theta sponsored and the financial figure runs over \$134,511.

### Magazine Agency

One source of income no longer in existence due to rising costs but which, during its lifetime, made a fine contribution to Theta philanthropy was the Magazine Agency. Established in 1932 by Lucile Pritchard Rogers, Psi, the Agency has had six national chairmen, Charlie Fenton Clarke, Omega, having served the longest, 14 years. During these years the Magazine Agency contributed \$51,667 which was given to philanthropy.

### Friendship Fund

One philanthropy especially dear to the heart of every Theta is the Friendship Fund, a tangible evidence of the concern of Ruth Haynes Carpenter and Clara Fanning, Upsilon. In this, Theta cares for her own through gifts given in emergency and sometimes tragic situations. Voluntary contributions at Founders' Day are the chief source of income and speak of sincere appreciation for the opportunity of membership in Kappa Alpha Theta. This is a personal and confidential fund and through the years has provided \$108,469 in emergency gifts.

### Foundation

In 1961 the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation was established as an agency through which the thousands of members of Kappa Alpha Theta could most effectively continue and increase the programs of scholarship and philanthropy. The Foundation, incorporated in May 1961, in the State of Illinois, as a "Not for Profit Foundation," received its tax exemption in January 1963. Under the leadership of Evelyn Widman Tunnicliffe, Eta, the first president, it has become a functioning and enthusiastic force in the history of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Under the administration of the new Foundation are: graduate scholarships and fellowships, The Foster Parents' Plan, The Institute of Logopedics and the DePauw Memorial Library Fund. The new Founders Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in 1964 by the Foundation as a tribute to the founders of the fraternity commemorating the Centennial and will be used for



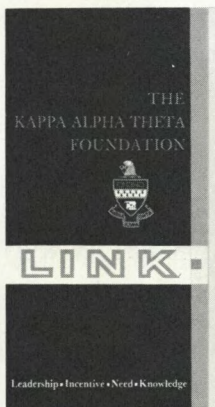


undergraduate scholarships—is now \$100,000.

Foundation projects are supported through the surplus of and interest on the \$100,000

Loan and Fellowship Fund, interest on the DePauw Memorial Library Fund, interest from the Founders Memorial Scholarship Fund, annual and life memberships in the Foundation, memorial gifts, bequests and stock gifts and contributions sent in yearly by alumnae clubs and chapters and by college chapters.

Through these funds the Foundation seeks to invest in the future by educating the gifted, needy, handicapped.



### Local Giving

Because every member has a special pride and interest in her own community Kappa Alpha Theta has always encouraged her clubs and chapters to give in support of local charities. A part of the money made by club and chapter projects will remain in the community where it was raised. Records on this do not go back very far but as of the fall of 1969 clubs and chapters had given \$484,712 to local charities.

### The Total

We announce with pride combined figures given to national and local philanthropies as a total of well over \$1,600,000 for Kappa Alpha Theta's Century of Giving.—VIRGINIA FORD HOOD, *Grand Vice-President, Service.*



## Prediction for LINK — a Bright Future

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is growing steadily through your gifts and is now able to begin planning for new projects. There are ever-increasing opportunities for giving help and assistance to needy and ambitious young people. Advancements in diverse fields of study are waiting only for additional financial support from organizations such as ours.

LINK is truly a *link* with the many people in need who are served by our efforts—the little children at the Institute of Logopedics, the young women who have held Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation scholarships and fellowships and gone on to gain stature and prominence in their professions. All of these people are friends of Theta because of LINK, the Kappa Theta Foundation.

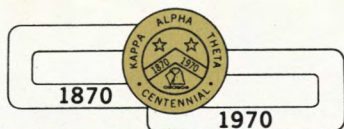
The exciting opportunity is here every day of

the year for every Theta who becomes a member of LINK to personally have a part in our endeavors to accomplish some good for our world and the many young people who will be its future leaders.

Working as a completely separate organization, LINK is one way in which Thetas together can share the joy of helping the disadvantaged. It is our chance to prove our worth as fraternity women and as citizens of our country and of the world—to prove our very real concern and friendship for *all* people.

Our pride is justified in the start we have made but there are so many projects waiting for our support—additional programs for the Institute of Logopedics, scholarships for more bright and talented young people. The possibilities are limitless. This is the challenge for LINK.





## AFTER COLLEGE, WHAT?

What does Theta hold for its members after they complete their college years; where do they go; and what do they do? They meet together at one of the 77 alumnae chapters or 247 alumnae clubs. They work together on projects which raise funds to contribute to national and local philanthropies. They assist college chapters as Advisory or Corporation Board members. They have fun with husbands at Theta functions; they enjoy Panhellenic friends with social activities and Panhellenic work. Twenty-five hundred Theta alumnae are members of 473 Rush Recommendation Boards and 512 more serve as authorized rush representatives. Alumnae write more than 20,000 recommendations annually for girls who may become future Thetas. They work, they serve, they learn, they have fun—lots of it!

### History

For the first few years of Theta history a member could remain an active member of her college chapter after graduation if she paid her dues and attended meetings. But soon alumnae members found their interests changing. They began to move away from the college towns. The first group of Theta alumnae to form an alumnae group were those at Topeka, Kansas, who first met in January of 1889. Topeka Thetas have met together ever since they became the seventeenth alumnae chapter.

In 1890 a literary club was formed in Greencastle with its only qualification for membership being membership in Kappa Alpha Theta. Three years later this group was chartered as the fraternity's first alumnae club—Alpha Alumnae Chapter. During the years since, the Greencastle alumnae group has gone from chapter to club and back to chapter several times, mainly due to the small number of resident Thetas in this small college community. In 1962, they were given a charter as Theta's one and only "honorary" alumnae chapter, allowing them representation without the usual monetary obligation.

In 1894 Beta Alumnae Chapter was chartered in the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul and Gamma Alumnae Chapter in New York

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City. Alumnae chapters continued to have the Greek letter names until 1913 when both alumnae and collegiate chapters had grown to such numbers that the Greek lettering became too confusing. In the beginning alumnae chapters were required to have five members in order to become chartered; today 25 names are necessary on the charter petition.

### Today's Alumnae

On this 100th anniversary of Kappa Alpha Theta, alumnae chapters range in size from the minimal number to 462 in Houston, Texas. As metropolitan areas mushroom, large chapters have divided into groups. Neighborhood groups were reported in Seattle in 1957, junior and senior groups in Tulsa and area meetings in Denver and Portland, Oregon. The entire chapter always meets together two or three times each year. The Chicago and the Los Angeles area vie for the metropolitan center with the most chapters and clubs—each with around ten.

Groups that did not wish to assume the obligations of an alumnae chapter began to form simultaneously with the chapters. These friendship groups flourished across the nation but it was not until 1922 that clubs were recognized as an official part of the fraternity. The 247 clubs today meet in nearly every state including a lively club in Hawaii and a busy one in Alaska. Canada has several alumnae groups and Mexico City and London also have clubs.

The main incentive which brings Theta



Theta's first alumnae chapter was at Topeka, 1889; when it became 17th alumnae chapter, 1909, this picture was taken.



## ..... With Significant Service



At Founders' Day, nation-wide, modern Thetas re-enact founding.



In order to make money, this club held plant sale.



"Good works" require money to keep them going. Fellowship through working together as well as funds are the result. This club held a bridal show for the public. Bride at right wears 1896 gown; pic (l.) shows other gowns modeled by Thetas.

Philanthropy is not new for alumnae. These Thetas in World War II brought books to Omaha alumnae meetings to be sent on to the Merchant Marine Libraries Theta was sponsoring. Theta provided six such Marine libraries.





alumnæ together is social. Instant friendships are made when women with the same ideals meet and many old friendships are renewed. Most alumnæ meetings consist of business, an interesting program, current fraternity trends discussion and of course, refreshments. Thetas enjoy one another at luncheons, dinners, picnics, tasting parties, desserts, brunches, teas and coffees. Family relations are strengthened when alumnæ groups entertain husbands. Omaha husbands enjoy a dinner dance while the Long Island husbands relax at a clam bake.

Founders' Day, usually celebrated at a convenient date in mid-winter, is the occasion looked forward to with the most enthusiasm. Alumnæ groups take the initiative and include all college chapter members in the area. Programs and decorations for these well planned events illustrate the creativeness of Thetas.

Gradually Founders' Day impetus has grown as the fraternity approached the Centennial observation. This festivity will be celebrated across the nation on the same day in January 1970 when Thetas of all ages gather to pay tribute to the founders who gave us our heritage.

#### *Year Awards*

Long ago, the milestone of fifty years of membership was established and each year chapters and clubs honored their members who had reached this goal. At first a certificate of membership was given; in 1965 a significant black and gold pansy pin became the emblem of the fifty-year-Theta. At the same time, the honor was extended, not only to those who were members of a chapter or club, but to every Theta when she reached the golden anniversary of her initiation. As Theta reaches her 100th birthday, some 350 of these fifty-year-members are honored each year.

The seventy-five year award came into being in 1964 and to date Theta has presented 31 members with a larger gold pansy pin which signifies seventy-five years of membership in the fraternity.

#### *Philanthropies*

Philanthropies became one of the main activities of most alumnæ groups soon after the beginning of the alumnæ organization movement. Thetas wanted to help those less fortunate. An entire article in this edition of the magazine describes the wide world of Theta service but a

résumé on Theta alumnæ would not be complete without mention of the hundreds of local philanthropies assisted by Theta alumnæ groups and of the contributions made by alumnæ to the fraternity's national philanthropy. Contributions are estimated at over one and a half million dollars and this does not include the millions of hours and endless supplies.

In order to contribute in this way, Theta alumnæ must work together to raise funds. Fund raising projects run the gamut from unique sales within the membership to enormous ventures which involve an entire community and produce thousands of dollars for philanthropic efforts. The annual Antique Show, sponsored by the Houston Alumnæ Chapter, is probably the largest continuing successful money-maker. One of the outstanding social events of the area, Houston's profits are always well above the \$10,000 mark. Antique shows and sales have proved lucrative for smaller chapters, too, as illustrated by the continued success by Fargo.

Perhaps the oldest annual event sponsored by Thetas as a fund raiser as well as a social success is Nashville's annual Bal d'Hiver. Since 1947, this festivity has continued to be one of the loveliest social functions of the season. Other types of dancing parties have been popular money-makers for Theta. The "Tired Shoppers Dance" held in Portland at Christmas time and Lincoln's "Teen-age Cotillion" are examples. Panhellenic spirit enthused when Cincinnati sponsored a dance with Tri Delta and Kappa.

Other popular fund raisers with Theta alumnæ are bazaars such as the large one in Miami or the smaller one in Rockford. Selling Christmas cards has long been popular; a Theta magazine in 1927 reports St. Louis making \$370 on the sale of Christmas cards; last year Milwaukee reported \$1175 from cards. Burlington joins others in selling gift wrapping paper, El Paso features calendars and Lafayette is famous for homemade fruit cake. A pansy sale in Louisville was fitting. In 1926 "Dallas ventured into the field of money-making—a bridge tournament and rummage sale—both proving profitable." Both are still popular; Madison, Cleveland, Rochester and many others enjoy their bridge marathons and the tiny club in Moscow, Idaho finds an annual rummage sale is profitable.



Fashion shows remain popular with Thetas and their guests. A fur show was reported by Long Island, a hat show in Denver and "Coffee and Cottons" in Fresno. A football weekend was successfully handled by Oklahoma City and San Diego sponsored community theater arts for several years. Recently, the Omaha alumnae sold tickets for a Sunday afternoon Bob Hope show.

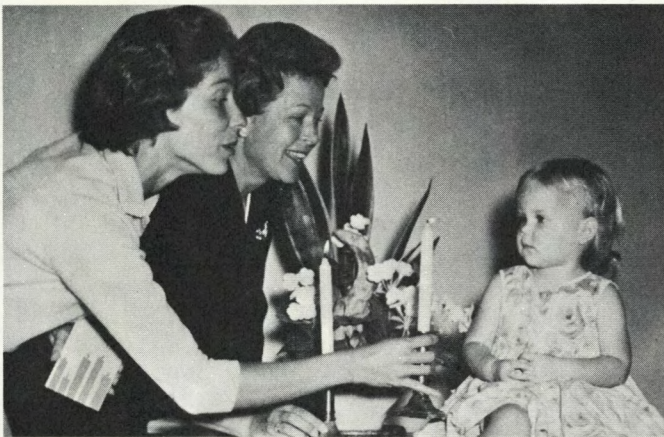
The affairs most closely associated today with Kappa Alpha Theta are Flaming Festivals. Credit for the first Flaming Festival goes to Lubbock, Texas where in 1954, they held their first annual festival and realized \$875 profit. Original ideas built on the Flaming Festival idea have come from Thetas every year. During the past year nearly 30 candle festivals were held with a combined profit of over \$38,000.

### *Work With Collegiates*

A tribute to the alumnae could not be written without mention of their service to the collegiate members. The significance of the thousand or more alumnae who serve on Advisory and Corporation Boards is better left to an article on college chapters. It is the behind-the-scenes time and talent lent by alumnae groups which illustrate the true spirit of Theta sisterhood and the



Volunteer services occupy much alumnae time. These Thetas serve at a Curative Workshop helping all ways possible.



Candles stand for Flaming Festival as these Thetas promote a popular project.



Thetas host deaf children to zoo trip.

Alumnae also give scholarship awards.

Sponsoring a V. I. P. like Bob Hope is another good way to raise money.





absence of any generation gap in Thetaland. Auntie Mame programs between alumnæ and pledges, as begun years ago by the Lafayette chapter, still flourish. Alumnæ make robes, present scholarships, arrange flowers, give gifts, send sandwiches at exam time, goodies after busy rush parties and entertain in numerous ways.

A spaghetti supper in Durham, a Pansy Brunch in Diablo Valley, a weekend party at the ranch home of an alumna in Ft. Worth and a Pizza Party in Lawrence are examples of ways to entertain Theta collegiates. During the past summer, the Stillwater alumnæ had an old fashioned Ice-cream Social on the lawn where collegiates could make their own fountain specials with homemade ice cream. At the same time, Austin featured a "Soda Special." When college members are at home during the holidays, Christmas brunches for mothers and daughters are popular and in the summer there are many swimming and patio parties to honor the college crowd. These are the things which illustrate the love and pride of Theta alumnæ for their younger Theta sisters.

In order to maintain a membership with the ideals cherished by Thetas, alumnæ members of the fraternity provide the recommendations from which the college members choose their pledges. As early as 1922 alumnæ recommendations were mentioned in the proceedings of the Grand Convention; at the 1928 convention recommendation forms were discussed. At the Grand Convention in 1938 Rush Recommendation Boards were thought of and in the following years they were formed in a few large cities to facilitate recommendation procedure. By 1958 there were boards in most of the leading cities and with the advent of alumnæ district presidents, were put under their jurisdiction. Today there are 473 Rush Recommendation Boards, each with three to eight members. College chapters also have the names of over 500 authorized rush representatives whom they can contact for assistance.

### *Organization*

It is obvious what with a potential of over 78,000 living alumnæ of the fraternity that it takes a great deal of organization. In 1915, a grand alumnæ secretary became an ex-officio member of Grand Council. As her staff she had state chairmen whose duty it was to keep cur-

rent lists of all Thetas in their state, to write letters to them once a year and to encourage the formation of chapters and clubs. This was called the alumnæ board. By 1930 the grand alumnæ secretary became a full-fledged Council member. With the major change in the constitution in 1958 and the enlargement of Grand Council, a vice-president of alumnæ was added. Since that time, said vice-president has worked with two others on her committee to oversee the many areas of alumnæ involvement. There is a state chairman for every state plus one for overseas. Permanent alumnæ secretaries, alumnæ who keep the files of their college chapters, also are important alumnæ working for the fraternity.

The idea of alumnæ district presidents was conceived about 18 years ago when the district president became so busy with collegiate affairs that she could not spend enough time with the alumnæ. In the fall of 1953 two alumnæ district presidents were appointed and a third followed the next spring. This trial run was so successful that more followed. At the 1956 convention, there were seven alumnæ district presidents attending. With the constitution change, alumnæ district presidents became official and at the district conventions in 1957, each district elected their own ADP. Today there are 18.

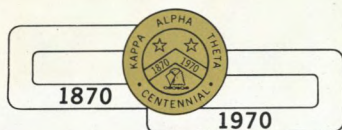
Only 20 years after the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta, alumnæ delegates began to attend the Grand Conventions; it was not long before events were planned especially for the alumnæ and parts of days or entire days were set aside for the alumnæ delegates to share ideas and to learn from one another. For the past 18 years the alumnæ delegates have participated in alumnæ discussion and learning sessions, currently scheduled for two entire days. During the many years when district conventions were held, the alumnæ in the district did the planning and the supervising of these conventions and time was set aside at all of them for the alumnæ present to obtain new ideas and to share old ones of help in their activities.

To read of the accomplishments and achievements of Kappa Alpha Theta's alumnæ groups as they work together is to realize that the training and values established during college years as members of Kappa Alpha Theta do indeed meet the higher and broader demands of mature life.—JOANN CRITES THOMPSON, *Grand Vice-President, Alumnæ*.





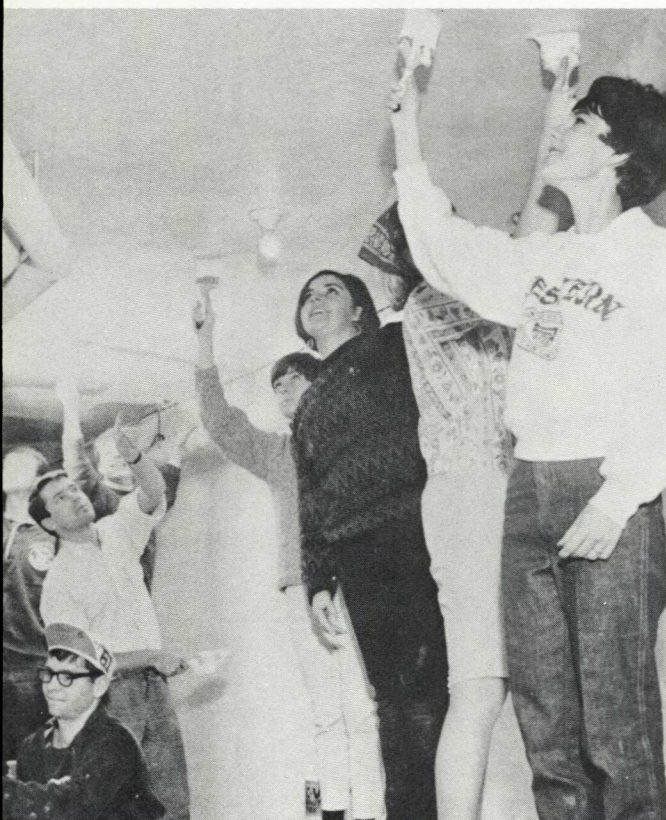




## ON CAMPUS

Through the years, Thetas have contributed to campus life and to helping others by participating in all types of activities. We decorate doors at Christmas time . . . plan Easter egg hunts for orphans . . . read to elderly in rest homes. We entertain parents with picnics for mothers and fathers, weekends for fathers alone, mothers' teas. We center our attention on foster children. We have opened our doors to foreign students (20 have lived in our houses since 1963). We make posters to be used on traveling buses which carry football teams from one college to another. We plan exchanges with men's fraternities; co-hostess parties with other sororities.

We have campus queens, members of Angel



When a nearby Psychiatric Research Institute needed some painting done, these Thetas and friends fell to with a will.

## Theta Links the Centuries . . . . .



Even in the "olden days" Thetas found fellowship by doing things together. This was labeled 1893 Delta tennis team.

Flight, leaders of Panhellenic, newspaper editors, yearbook contributors, members of student government, Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, Chimes, Spurs.

We've received trophies for best scholarship, for top sorority on campus, championship powder puff football, for campus sings and Homecoming skits, for donating the most blood. We have cheer leaders, Daughters of Diana, Little Sisters of Minerva, many members of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*.

There's no "activity" untouched on at least one of our 95 campuses.

Higher education—scholarship—set the foundation for women's fraternities from the beginning. Thus it was natural that the first activities to gain attention were academic.

In the early days, non-academic activities focused on fellowship—a trend which has been cherished through our century. Early-day exchanges were called "Cozies" or "Katsups" or "Kite Nites." There were "senior breakfasts," slumber parties, many endeavors patterned on companionship, friendship, sisterhood. For the gentlemen friends, too, there were "Swing-outs" (with lots of singing), open houses and caroling.

During World War I, Thetas became more aware of their obligations, responsibilities—yes, their privileges—as Americans. They rolled bandages, collected needed incidental equipment for nurses, provided ardent support for



## ..... With Campus Leadership



These are two of many Mortar Board members tapped 1969.

Red Cross efforts. Then came World War II and attentions centered on blood donor programs, letters and packages to servicemen.

Now, during the second half of Theta's century, community projects are even more on the horizon. Many college groups choose to make Theta chapters "good citizens," to do "something more" (more than float-building and Greek Day competing).

Parties for orphans and underprivileged children are held by many chapters. Some members work in children's homes, at hospitals, in homes for the elderly, at speech clinics. Nationally Thetas adopted "Do Unto Others" programs . . . and suddenly fraternity membership did, indeed, mean something more.

One university is in the process of selecting a new chancellor. A collegiate Theta is on the 13-person committee to choose the man.

However, as always, scholarship is our first concern. Chapters with grade problems de-emphasize activities. Still, most action-packed chapters, while excelling in campus leadership, maintain good scholarship also.

We are proud that our collegiates give so generously of their talents to the 95 campuses which they call home. And we are pleased that this process of working together and playing to-

gether means melding thoughts, deepening friendships. Such shared activities do much to strengthen the bonds of sisterhood, bring a special dimension to campus life.

One college member expressed it this way: "Theta is events, personalities. But it is something more. There is an all-important element which has bound the others together. It is the feeling achieved through working hard and having fun together. It is congratulations when we win a game and a pat on the back when we lose. It is a fine feeling. It is a sense of pride. It is a unity obtained through individuality, not conformity. It is all these things . . . and many more. It is Kappa Alpha Theta."—CAROLYN MCKENZIE CARTER.

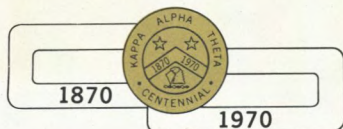


The high campus award, Outstanding Senior Woman, often goes to a Theta. This 1969 winner was president of AWS.

Theta collegiates make money, too, often split it half and half between campus projects and Institute of Logopedics.







### SCHOLARSHIP

From the beginning the intellectual ambition of the fraternity has been the attainment of the highest scholarship. Since January 27, 1870, over 80,000 college women from coast to coast in the United States and Canada have become members of Kappa Alpha Theta where ideals of friendship, high scholastic records and services have been their contribution to colleges and universities and where their services as alumnae have made fine community contributions.

In these fruitful years, professional fraternities have recognized many members of Kappa Alpha Theta with honors as leaders. Committees everywhere have profited from the leadership training gained during college years which has made the members useful in organized philanthropies, educational institutions, government, the arts and all phases of living.

Even though scholastic achievement was the goal for all chapters from the beginning, it was not until near the conclusion of World War I (1918) when thought was given to methods of choosing new chapters and a statement was made on requirements for initiation. Kappa Alpha Theta was to celebrate her 50th birthday in 1920 when just slightly before in 1917 the rule of the scholastic requirement for initiation was established. "One term's college credits had to be attained" before a pledge became eligible

ABOVE: Scholarship charm awarded to Straight "A" Thetas.

## Theta Links the Centuries . . . . .

for initiation into Kappa Alpha Theta ranks.

Awards in the form of silver loving cups and scholarship plaques have been given to the chapters attaining the highest scholarship for the biennium preceding convention at the Grand Convention. Kappa Alpha Theta has had a long list of firsts in scholarship on campus and it is hoped this record will continue.

Individual achievement has been recognized since 1956 by the presentation of a scholarship charm to those who have attained a straight "A" average for two consecutive semesters or three terms. Over 250 of these awards are made each year. Previous to this a "certificate of merit" was awarded in recognition of outstanding scholarship. This list was obtained from the chapters' annual scholarship reports. These certificates were signed by the chairman of the national scholarship committee.

Many chapters have followed a tradition of awarding a jeweled badge to the initiate—sometimes more than one—who attained the highest average before initiation. In many chapters also an honor badge is given to the member who has attained the highest average. In many instances these are "old" badges which have been presented to the chapter by family or friends of deceased members. Generally these badges are worn for one year and then presented to the next winner. Fraternity jewelry—bracelets, rings, and so on—is used by many chapters as reward for merit.

The Panhellenic organizations on most campuses have a spring banquet or reception when a scholarship cup is given to the group which has attained the highest average for the previous year. Kappa Alpha Theta has made a remarkable record of firsts on campus and for several chapters it has been a repeat year after year.

Through all the years since the first two women ever were given the privilege of wearing Phi Beta Kappa keys—two Thetas in spring 1874—Thetas have been chosen and honored to wear this key. (One chapter has a record of over 100  $\Phi$ BK's.) Each year many Thetas are chosen by Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Delta Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Kappa Delta Pi. Mortar Board, which recognizes general campus service in addition to academic achievement, has honored on



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an average of 96 members of Theta each year from campuses all over the United States and Canada. Many others have been elected to professional honorary groups such as Theta Sigma Phi, Phi Delta Kappa, Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron. Woodrow Wilson Scholarships, Fulbright Awards, American Association of University Women and Canadian Federation of Women Fellowship Awards, Rotary Foundation Fellowship Awards and Guggenheim Fellowships have been won by Thetas.

From coast to coast loyal members of Theta stand guard over study halls and loyal alumnae devote hours of thoughtful care to the task of assisting bewildered undergraduates in adjusting to university requirements. Theta salutes those who try and those who win. The work of the scholarship adviser has been a work of constant devotion. When the number of chapters grew steadily and the task became too heavy in addition to all the other duties, the grand president released the work of the supervision of scholarship for all chapters.

In 1945 Belle Hechtman Lowlessey, Omega, became the national chairman of scholarship. She was followed in 1952 by Martha Boyd White, Beta, in 1960 by Florence Benner Wylie, Beta, 1962 by Ruth Hill Wilber, Beta Zeta, in 1966 by Florence McDonagh Scott, Gamma Epsilon, and 1968, Wilma Burkhart Metzger, Alpha Chi.

Belle Hechtman Lowlessey developed the *Scholarship Manual* with its suggestions for effective study which is given to each pledge and

is then a guide for her entire college career. This *Manual* says, "High ideals produce finest characters—likewise high standards of study produce best scholarship.

"If a girl arranges her affairs so that study is possible, budgets her time and sticks to a schedule, provides proper environment and equipment for study, begins work without delay and concentrates on one task until it is finished and studies regularly throughout the school year, she will have little worry about studies and will have fruitful leisure.

"When a chapter is *not* toward the top of the Panhellenic list, it is due either to indiscriminate selection or unwise management."

In 1962 a *Scholarship Handbook* was developed by Ruth Hill Wilber. From all the valuable material which had been compiled by Belle Hechtman Lowlessey, Martha Boyd White and Florence Benner Wylie, former directors of scholarship, and by chapter scholarship chairmen, scholarship advisers and college district presidents, a workable handbook was compiled for the scholarship committee and the college chapter. The *Handbook* contains Grand Council's Policy on Scholastic Achievement; Operational Equipment of the Scholarship Committee; Manual for the operation of the Scholarship Chairman, Scholarship Adviser and the Scholarship Committee; and an Outline for an Effective Scholarship Program.

The Loan and Fellowship Fund, started by the Los Angeles Alumnae in 1904 was established as a national project in 1911 when a part of every initiation fee was allocated to the fund.

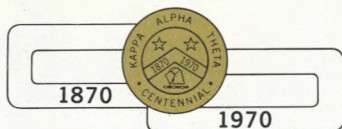
As the Centennial approaches, there has been a national effort to establish a \$100,000 fund for the purpose of granting undergraduate scholarships. This fund is a memorial to the four founders whose vision founded Kappa Alpha Theta with its enduring contribution to higher education for women.

As Martha Smith White said in her talk on scholarship at the college seminar of the Grand Convention 1968, "To be an educated woman is the individual goal of each member of Kappa Alpha Theta . . . To aid in the total educational process has been and must continue to be our collective goal as a fraternity."—RUTH HILL WILBER.



Theta chapters encourage good scholarship by awards as, improvement (l.), grant of funds (center), a merit award (r.).





## THETA HOUSING

"We have rented a hall for our meetings." Eta to Alpha, 1880.

"We have rented a house and how proud we are of the furniture our chaperone has brought with her and what we found in our attics." Psi to Tau, 1887.

"We have built a Lodge." Pi, 1889.

Does the importance of this seem believable to you of the "Jet Age" and nostalgic to you who are near or have achieved fifty-year membership status?

Think how astonished those Theta girls of 1870 would be to hear about one house recently built that will have a capacity for 70 members and cost around \$500,000 including the property and furnishings? Would they believe that parking spaces are required by the city for automobiles?

In the early days of Kappa Alpha Theta to rent a "hall" or house or to finally build a house was an exciting event. It was not unusual for the members to furnish their own dishes and silverware. These "halls" were in college buildings, over downtown stores or in homes that rented rooms.

When the Alpha members heard about the hall Eta had and because the men's fraternities at DePauw had such facilities they, too, rented one. However, because of parental objection to young women being downtown at night, they

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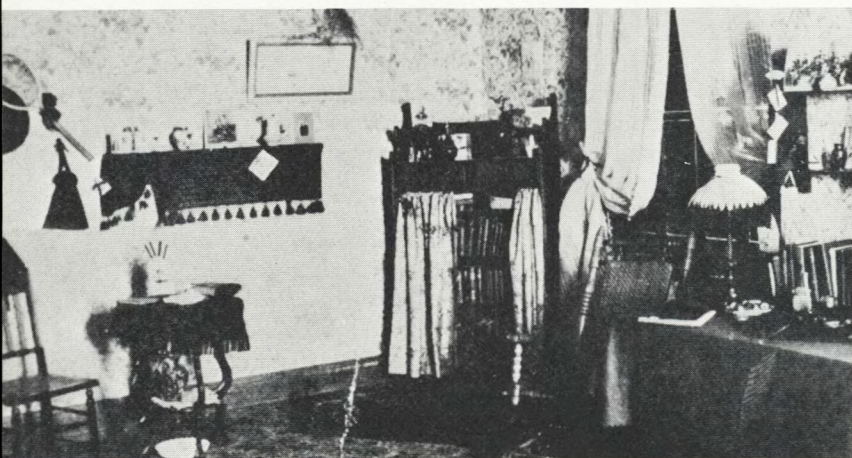
Earlier chapter houses were often converted residences, with touches like the fire ladder added for group living.

gave up their hall. Just three years later another was rented; renting was their pattern until their own house was provided. These Thetas were pioneers in more than one area!

By 1930 eight chapters still had "halls" and even today there are three chapters with no facilities of their own. This is true for all women's groups on these particular campuses and hopefully will be corrected soon.

Fourteen chapters have suites or rooms: two in Panhellenic Houses, others in college dormitories. These suites are used for meetings.

RIGHT: Thetas of the 1970's have charming, restful houses as epitomized by one of the newer ones where living room with Theta pin over the mantel welcomes chapter.



LEFT: When Winifred Sercombe, first initiate of Psi, attended the University of Wisconsin (1890-91) this was her room at Ladies Hall. Not exciting or glamorous, was it?



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Many years later, the chapter which once occupied the house at left, now occupies the comfortable house above.

The first real estate owned by a Theta chapter was around 1889—Pi's lodge at Albion College. Today there are nine corporation owned and two rented lodges. One chapter that has been renting a lodge is now building its own.

The first rented house was back in 1890. Until recently there have been eight rented houses, but two of these are being replaced with corporation owned houses. Another is a unique venture: a building to house the chapter members back of the corporation owned lodge. This structure and others like it for both women's

and men's fraternities have been built by the University. A fourth is in a University owned complex of houses.

By 1930 there were 35 houses and lodges owned by the chapter stock companies with shares ranging from \$25.00 to \$100 @ 7%, or Coupon Bonds at \$30.00 @ 5%, held by alumnae and chapter members. Many generous gifts and loans from alumnae made these houses possible. Several houses were built entirely by alumnae gifts. Often the loans were cancelled to free the house from debt.

It is interesting to note that on many campuses Theta was first to build.

Even as early as 1905 there is a record of financing with local loans or mortgages. It was not uncommon for the initiates to buy house bonds or shares amounting to \$100. In 1909 Kappa Alpha Theta's Endowment Fund had grown to a figure which justified loaning its principal to chapters @ 5% long term loans protected by notes signed by the corporation, by mortgages on the property or by stocks and bonds held by the corporation.

By 1970 there will be 61 houses and nine lodges owned by chapter corporations. No longer do the stock companies exist. Financing is achieved by a few college loans, money from banks or Savings and Loan Associations and second mortgage loans from the fraternity Endowment Funds. As of this printing Kappa Alpha Theta has \$2,000,000 (approx.) in loans. The value of the housing in 1930 was estimated to be at least \$1,196,400. Today 12 million dol-



RIGHT: Some chapters do not have houses, but are provided suites by their schools. This suite, decorated by Theta alumnae, gives girls a place to meet, also to have fun.





lars would not be out of line as an estimate.

Interest rates range from 6% fraternity money to 7 and 8 or 9% commercial money. It is the fortunate corporation that is using 5% Theta money and has completed a building or remodeling program before the high construction costs of 1969 and 1970.

All chapter members make a gift by paying a building fund fee according to a minimum scale of \$50.00 for suites, \$100 for lodges and \$125 for houses. Many are above the minimum which is necessary so the corporations can meet their obligations.

In 1964, for another first in housing, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma collaborated in a building program and constructed a duplex. Because it is built on a corner lot the entrances are on different streets. Each unit is separate—only the roof, utility rooms, central fire tower and sunken patio are shared.

An item of concern today is that some chapter houses are subject to property taxes. Since education represents a high percentage of the property tax figure this item increases yearly. Other factors partly responsible for increased costs have been requirements for fire safety, security due to new university rulings which permit late hours and city requirements for parking areas.

The 61 Kappa Alpha Theta houses range in size from a capacity of six to 80 occupants. The largest group accommodates between 50 and 59. The architecture varies from the lovely traditional to the interesting contemporary. In many there are chapter rooms with a dual purpose:



More and more of newer houses are contemporary in style.

for chapter meetings and for study rooms. Some have libraries; one in particular receives books from their Mothers' Club from a list provided by the chapter members. More often than not there is a formal living room and an informal lounge in both houses and lodges. There is built-in furniture in bedrooms which are often carpeted. In a few houses double decker beds are used in study-sleeping rooms or in sleeping dormitories—one for those who wish a cold sleeping room and another for those who prefer a warmer room. Electric outlets have to be provided for electric blankets.

What a contrast from the one ceiling light and the long cord for the desk lamp!

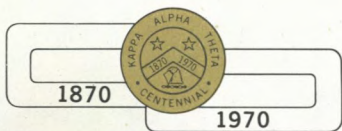
Between 1960 and 1970 there have been 18 or 19 remodeling programs. Enlarged kitchens with institutional equipment, social areas, dining facilities, new chapter-study rooms and more bedrooms have been the result. During this same period 14 or 15 new houses have been built and are occupied and several are under construction.

It has been 100 years of great accomplishments. Through the efforts of many dedicated members of the chapter corporations the philosophy of providing adequate and comparable housing has been as nearly as possible achieved. Is it possible that the future might bring a Theta house at a new University in Outer Space? —GERTRUDE COLLINS LEVIS, *Grand Vice-President, Finance.*

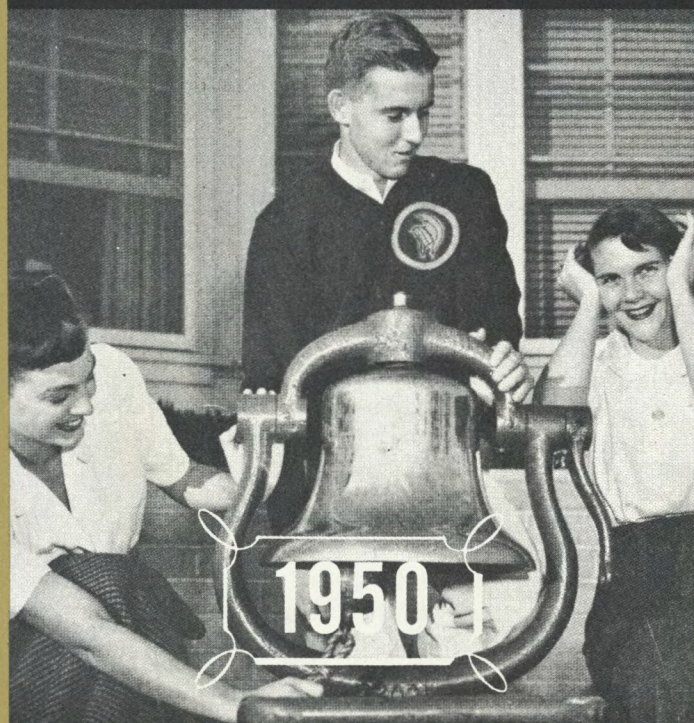


At some schools, Thetas live in dorm but maintain lodges.





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## THETA'S OFFICE



Both Secretary Helen Sackett (at desk) and President Adelaide Sinclair were thrilled with new Chicago office (1939).

Kappa Alpha Theta did not have a headquarters or "office" as such until the turn of the century, when L. Pearle Green became the grand secretary and began keeping records at her home in Ithaca, New York. From that time until L. Pearle's retirement in 1939 whatever files there were she developed (and it might be added that much material she kept "on file" in her sharp mind and fabulous memory).

With the directive for the setting up of a real Central Office in 1939 it became the job of the newly appointed executive secretary, Helen Sackett, to find quarters. Chicago's Civic Opera Building was selected and Helen settled down (or up) in "2240" on the 22nd floor with her staff of three—Dorothea Jacobs, Alpha Mu; Winifred Johnson, Beta Omicron; Jeanne

Smith, Delta. As the fraternity needs grew, three moves were made in the building to provide larger space—with the most important move coming in 1959 to a "permanent" Central Office location in Evanston, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. With perspicacity, Helen rented more space on the third floor of the First National Bank Building than was immediately needed. These extra rooms, originally rented out to others, were recalled to Theta use to help accommodate the archives, transferred to Central Office from Alpha at DePauw in 1966.

Besides housing this memorabilia of days-past, Central Office displays on its walls the various awards given the fraternity. These include the Brotherhood of Children Award for work with the Foster Parents' Plan; a certificate of



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achievement from the U.S. Navy for contributions to Merchant Marine Libraries during World War II; also numerous awards from the Institute of Logopedics, the latest of which was the Martin F. Palmer Humanitarian Award (1968) in recognition of long and loyal Theta support as the largest single contributor to the Institute, Theta's major national philanthropy.

A hand-lettered parchment scroll lists Life Members of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

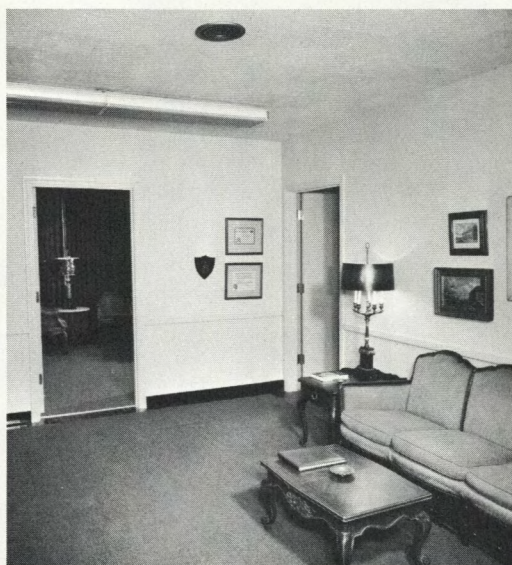
Central Office, now encompassing 15 rooms, has been presided over by Executive Secretary Dorothy Schulze Vaaler since Helen Sackett's retirement in 1962. Dorothy heads a staff of 12 full-time workers, of whom two are Thetas besides herself—Marjorie Beebe McAdams, Tau, and Rosemary Murnighan Nilson, Tau. In addition, at times the staff is augmented by help from temporarily "grounded" traveling secretaries, those young Thetas under a new program of the sixties, who travel on yearly contracts visiting and working with college chapters. Also, other part-time help is employed as needed.

When L. Pearle became Theta's grand secretary there were 22 chapters and some 2600 members. Today, with 95 chapters and some 82,000 members and about 2,500 new initiates

added yearly, the work at Central Office has grown to mountainous heights. The Kardex cross-file cabinets alone contain 140,000 membership cards; the KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE goes out four times a year to just under 60,000 Thetas, for whom there are some 20/25,000 changes of address per year! In addition, a fireproof file contains a numbered chapter card for each and every initiate of Theta with her loyalty card attached.

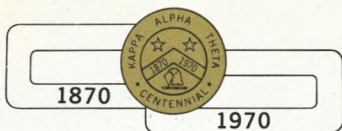
Other Central Office work involves editing and helping with fraternity publications; cooperating with facts and figures for the magazine; issuing and mailing supplies. There are innumerable chapter, club and officer reports to be processed. New memorabilia for the archives room must be catalogued and put on display. As for finances—they stagger the imagination. Fraternity assets are now over two million dollars. Exact account must be kept of all monies received or sent out, all of these subsequently divided among the five funds of the fraternity and the 125 categories under the funds.

Indeed, there is no area of the fraternity which Central Office is not concerned with. It is correctly titled the "management-information center" of Kappa Alpha Theta. Without Central Office, what would Theta do?



Theta's office moved to Evanston 1959, was given a "new look" in 1965 by Secretary Dorothy Schulze Vaaler (at desk.)





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### L. PEARLE GREEN

*Grand Secretary, 1901-1939*

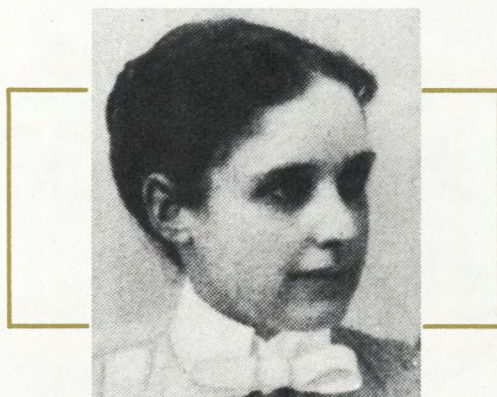
For half a century—all her adult life—L. Pearle Green, Phi, served Kappa Alpha Theta. During this time she was vice-president Gamma District 1901-03, grand secretary 1901-39, editor 1909-50, Panhellenic delegate in 1908, 1914-17, 1921-26, 1928-50. She was twice chairman of NPC, the second time during 1947-49. (She died in 1953). To Thetas and to fraternity men and women all over the country she was Kappa Alpha Theta. All the groups were smaller then, both on campuses and nationally, and they knew one another well. Presidents came and went, but Pearle was there—to hold the golden threads of continuity throughout the growing years of our fraternity and to earn for it national respect and recognition.

Her work was done with great dedication.

College girls of those earlier years remember Pearle when she wore the three hats of her office. They heard from her about chapter reports, about due dates for the magazine and to a lesser degree about Panhellenic matters. Hers was a name to be reckoned with and many were a little afraid of her. However, this feeling changed when meeting her. She was simply working for all members in the fraternity, and it was her interest and purpose that it be, if not perfect, at least *good*.

For those who sought her out she was always understanding, ready to answer questions.

She was a small woman with dark skin and black hair and the most surprising gray eyes, which missed very little of the good and bad and made the best of both. A conservative in manners and morals, a liberal in always giving other people's ideas and judgments the fairest



consideration and a progressive in her attitude toward expansion in new areas and in her acceptance of necessary changes in the management of the fraternity—L. Pearle Green was all of these.

In 1901 when she became secretary of the fraternity there were 22 college chapters. She could keep in touch with all of them and edit the magazine from her office in the home of her sister and brother-in-law in Ithaca, New York. Mr. Smith was dean of the College of Engineering at Cornell and Ruby Green Smith, Pearle's sister, was a home economics specialist for the state of New York. Their college degrees had been earned at Stanford, where an uncle was part of the "pioneer faculty." Their home was charming and hospitable and in it Pearle and Ruby's growing family were surrounded by intelligent, alert people.

In 1913 Theta's convention voted "not to expand." On her way home Pearle visited the campus of Washington State and at the next convention, upon her recommendation, it was voted to enter that campus, the first of what were known then as "agricultural colleges." That was the beginning of Theta's growth onto most of the large coeducational campuses where fraternities have flourished for 60 years. Pearle was always interested in the academic excellence of the institutions where Theta entered and wanted only the best for her fraternity. It is to her credit that this is what we have today. She knew the fraternity and the fraternity world as few people could. We shall not see her like again.—HELEN STILES FRENCH, *Past Grand President*.

ABOVE: L. Pearle in 1901 upon taking Theta office. BELOW: 3d from left, 41 years later, at Grand Council session.





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### HELEN E. SACKETT

*Executive Secretary-Treasurer 1939-1962*



It was hard in 1938 for Kappa Alpha Theta to imagine itself with a Central Office that was not in Ithaca, New York and a secretary who was not called L. Pearle. But during the presidency of Jeanette Gemmill Grasett the 1938 convention decided, on the basis of a professional survey, that the increase in the size, complexity and resources of the fraternity required a new and expanded type of administration.

To the new Council was entrusted the task of implementing the changes. Selecting a location for the Central Office was one thing but no one had the faintest idea of how to set about finding a secretary. Looking back it seems a miracle that there was a candidate as good as Helen Sackett, Psi, and that those leading Theta at the time had the wit to select her.

When interviewed as a candidate, Helen Sackett was serving as department head of education with the Detroit Community Fund. She brought many talents to the fraternity's needs as she had excellent organizing and administrative abilities and an understanding of financial procedures and of staff selection. Always insisting on proper staff relations and good working conditions, she was completely unselfish in her devotion to her job.

No one not involved in this transitional process can imagine the demands which the change-over made on the new Theta staff. Although there must have been days when Helen was discouraged, her shoulders were broad, her loyalty great, and she had a sense of humor.

The next 20 years were busy ones for our executive secretary and the Central Office staff. Housed in the Civic Opera Building in Chi-

cago, three moves within that structure were made to secure larger and larger working space. And the need for updating the administration of fraternity operations became urgent again. The Grand Convention of 1958 adopted a new constitution, following a national survey, which increased Grand Council from 6 to 15 members.

Helen Sackett ably directed the moving and settling of Central Office to a more adequate and suitable headquarters in Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, and with patience and perseverance, helped the staff and Grand Council adjust to the radical changes in operation necessitated by increasing chapter roll, expanded alumnae program, greater responsibilities in the collection and dispersing of fraternity funds.

Helen proved to be the finest working partner with whom the president of an organization could be blest. Even when called upon to travel on fraternity business, she kept the wheels turning quietly and steadily at home. Helping with the many details of chapter installations, investigating a campus as a field for extension, attending National Panhellenic Conferences or representing Kappa Alpha Theta at fraternity affairs, Helen Sackett performed these varied duties and many others with efficiency, poise, graciousness and charm—and a marvelous sense of humor.

Helen retired in 1962. She has friends by the hundreds, not only in Kappa Alpha Theta but also in the other Greek letter groups and our new, enlarged Central Office providing better facilities for carrying on the extensive business program for a growing Kappa Alpha Theta is a monument to her 23 years of dedicated service.—ADELAIDE MACDONALD SINCLAIR, LETTY HENDERSON MUNZ, *Past Grand Presidents.*

ABOVE: "Sackett" shortly before retirement. BELOW: Taking tea with Thetas on one of many trips "into the field."





## DOROTHY SCHULZE VAALER

*Executive Secretary-Treasurer, 1962-*



When Dorothy Schulze Vaaler, Tau, became executive secretary of Kappa Alpha Theta in 1962 she brought with her a wealth of experience not only as a business woman and as a loyal Theta, but as a member of the staff of Central Office where she had served as assistant to Helen Sackett 1954-57 and as director of finance 1960-62.

Along with the many duties with which she was familiar—directing Central Office and the staff; corresponding with Thetas everywhere; supervising the tremendous mailing to chapters, college and alumni, and clubs; making the physical arrangements for all Council meetings; serving with the Administrative Committee and acting as secretary for Grand Council; preparing all material for Grand Convention—changing times and the growth of the fraternity have brought new duties.

Membership alone, now totaling about 82,000, has expanded the secretary's work. Record keeping has become a major undertaking.

These eight years have seen the advent of the Leadership Conference with its problems of program preparation, transportation and physical arrangements. The national archives have

been brought into Central Office, catalogued and arranged for display. The executive secretary has become the Council representative to visit campuses where there is definite interest in establishing new chapters. Along with increased responsibilities that are the natural result of growth the turbulent sixties have produced a few special items, not the least of these being the zip coding for the post office of all Thetas.

Dorothy, with efficiency and grace, has moved with the growth and increased work and enables us to point with continued pride to Kappa Alpha Theta's remarkable executive secretaries.—VIRGINIA SPEIDEL EDWARDS, *Past Grand President*.



LEFT: "Dee" with archives treasures. ABOVE: 1) Affixing pin in Theta chapter map. 2) Conferring with longtime assoc. exec. sec., Theta Jeanne Gullett. (Ruth Adair Photos.)







## ACHIEVEMENT

During Theta's 100 years many of her members have gone on to notable achievement. Among those of the earlier days were Mary Ritter Beard, Alpha, historian; Julia Morgan, Omega, architect; Florence Heywood, Phi, lecturer at the Louvre; Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Psi, author; Anna Comstock, Iota, naturalist.

Over the years Theta has also had her share of presidents of national groups, more recently, Julia Davis Stuart, Alpha Mu, League of Women Voters; Dora Sumarladason Lewis, Alpha Sigma, Soroptimist International; Barbara Neeley Yalich, Beta Omega, Association of Junior Leagues of America; Kathleen Davison, Beta Kappa, Sigma Alpha Iota; Martha Shull, Alpha Xi, National Education Association.

Editors have included Mary Elizabeth Torrance Buchanan, Tau, *Parents' Magazine*; Kathleen Aston Casey, Beta Epsilon, *Glamour*.

Pauline Betz, Gamma Gamma, Louise Brough, Omicron, Helen Jacobs, Omega, distinguished themselves in tennis; Ann Curtis,

Omega, also Jane Fauntz, Delta, as swimmers.

In the arts there is Agnes de Mille, Beta Xi, choreographer; Phylis Isley (Jennifer Jones), Tau, actress; Marlo Thomas, Omicron, actress.

Distinguished educators abound. "Dean" of the deans of women is Katherine Towle, Omega, former dean of students, University of California at Berkeley.

Eva Adams, Beta Mu, became director of the U.S. Mint; Jeanette Becker Lenygon, Tau, is an interior decorator of note. Dorothy Liebes, Omega, is known for textile designing; Hope Skillman, Alpha Delta, owns a cotton textile firm. Eilene Slack Galloway, Alpha Iota and Alpha Beta, is a specialist in space law for the U.S. government. Ruth Woodsmall, Beta, was general secretary of the World's YWCA with headquarters in Geneva.

Well known writers are Gladys Taber, Alpha Psi, Nancy Larrick, Alpha Delta, Eleanor Harris, Phi, Mary Margaret McBride, Alpha Mu, among others.



Helen Jacobs



Ann Curtis





Ruth Woodsmall



Katherine Towle



Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings



Dorothy Liebes



Marlo Thomas



Agnes de Mille



Anna Comstock



Kathleen Casey



## PUBLICATIONS

Possibly the first constitution for Kappa Alpha Theta, laboriously drawn up in cipher (for secrecy) by founder Bettie Locke, was Theta's first publication. Though written by hand it endured, with changes, until 1891, was revised 1891-93, but was not printed until 1903.

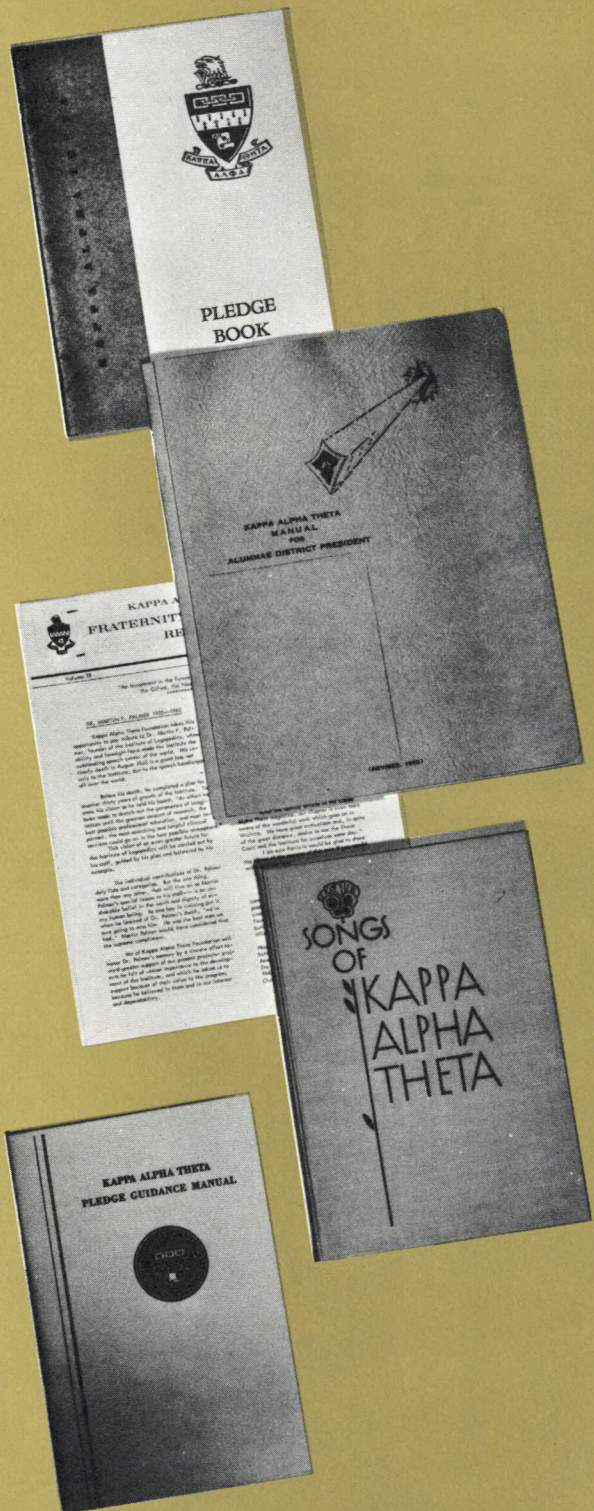
The fact that it took so long to get the constitution in print bears out the suspicion that the earliest Thetas—as are many today—were more interested in friendship than in protocol. The first printed book they wanted to distribute was a songbook. This appeared only seven years after founding, was issued by Beta chapter at Indiana, contained 19 songs. Since that time the songbook has gone through seven editions.

The magazine followed the songbook (see opposite page) as Theta's second printed publication (1885), followed quickly by the First Catalogue, issued in 1888. The catalogue, like the songbook, was consistently reissued (1890, 1895, 1902) until 1903 when the convention decided the catalogue should appear in the magazine (1904, 1908, 1916). With the membership growing so large a separate catalogue published in 1924 became the final one.

The first Convention Proceedings were printed in 1903. The first edition of the convention newspaper, the *Kite*, appeared in 1911. The Ritual Book was first printed in 1925. The hard cover histories of Theta—*Sixty Years in Kappa Alpha Theta* and *We Who Wear Kites*—appeared in 1930 and 1956 respectively.

Theta's office starting printing Grand Council semi-annual reports in 1908; known as the *Bi-monthly* this has evolved into the *Bulletin* which comes out nowadays three times yearly with the private reports from committees, officers and so on. In addition, Central Office, by Grand Council directive, today makes available over 20 publications for chapter and club use. Some 15 of these deal directly with college chapter problems and programs. Three of the most important are the College Chapter Handbook, the Pledge Book and the Scholarship Handbook.

Alumnæ make good use of the Alumnæ Chapter and Club Handbook. An important new publication is *Timely Topics*, issued from time to time by fraternity trends. So, as the fraternity grows, so does its need for publications.





## KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE

The KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE began in 1885 under the editorship of Kappa chapter at Kansas which had proposed it to the 1885 convention. Agnes Emery was first editor.

Until 1905 there were seven other editors, undergraduates, then graduates, from particular college chapters. The three editors from 1905-50 were elected by convention (L. Pearle Green served 1909-50); the three editors since 1950 have been appointed by Grand Council.

The magazine page size and number of pages have changed only a little since founding—but the contents in 1885 and 1970 are worlds apart. Started in a leisurely age of essays, even the editors themselves sometimes wondered if the publication was "too literary," and there were lively comments by editors of the men's fraternities—not always complimentary!

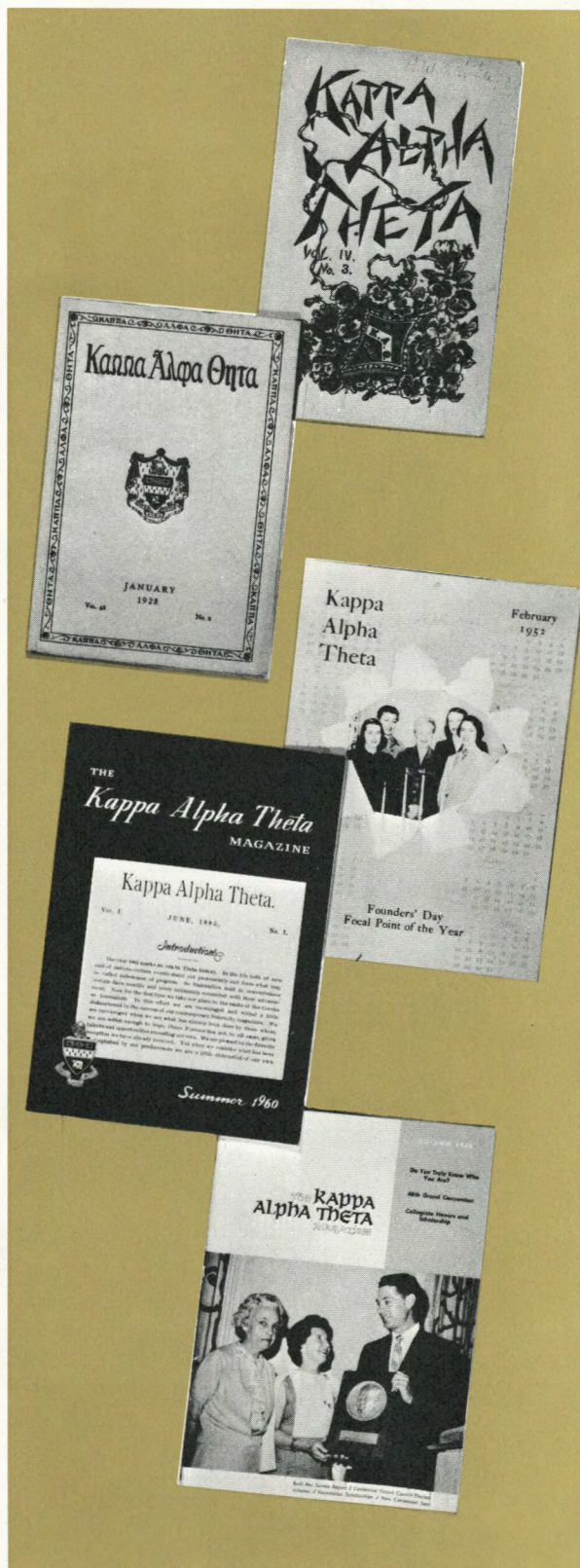
There were no pictures in the magazine for ten years. When the first one—of the University of Vermont college green—appeared in 1895 it was followed mainly by other college scenes, plus pictures of early Theta houses. In fact, the first photographs of Thetas which appeared in print—Anna Comstock and Julia W. Snow of Iota, Cornell, in 1899—were the exception rather than the rule for a long time. The first picture appeared on the cover in 1929. The first picture appeared in the chapter letter section in 1931.

There were lots of advertisements in the early magazines. No wonder! In 1891 a year's rate per page was \$12.00; half page, \$7.00; quarter page, \$4.00. Tiffany & Co., New York City, was a regular advertiser around 1908 when at times there would be 10 pages of ads per issue.

Probably the first personality story as we know it was written about architect Julia Morgan, Omega, Calif.-Berkeley, in 1903.

Up until 1953 the magazine was issued quarterly under the name of a month. At that time the names of the seasons were substituted. Current issues are Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer. All members initiated since 1917 receive the magazine based on a life subscription plan.

Caroline Comly Harris, Alpha Beta, Swarthmore, 1903-05, is the only early editor still living. Since 1950 there are Ruth Jones Stuhr, Beta Kappa, Drake, 1950-54; Mary Ellen Myers Parr, Beta, Indiana, 1954-58; Mary Margaret Kern Garrard, Alpha Chi, Purdue, 1958-.







Dorothy Warner Trebilcock, Beta Pi, Michigan State, has won Theta's Centennial Song contest. She says, "I can't remember when I wasn't interested in writing and involved with music some way." A former music major, she has conducted children's choirs for 18 years, written for music and general publications. She lives in Ludington, Michigan.

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## Twin Stars

*A Kappa Alpha Theta Centennial Song*

Words and Music by  
DOROTHY WARNER TREBILCOCK  
B II, Michigan State University

VERSE

*Softly*

"Twin stars shin - ing bright; Light my way to - night"

Ech-oes now in mem - o - ry. — Still the star light beams

on our The - ta dreams As our hearts re-call one hun-dred years of K A T.



# CHORUS

Twin stars from high a-bove, Shine through the night — Twin stars, look

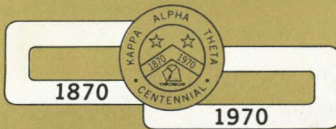
*rit.*  
down with love Shine with your The-ta light Mem-ries are tentimesten, all The-tas

*Echo*  
know — As dream-ing we linger in the aft - er - glow Dream-ing the

The-ta dreams of long a - go. —

TWIN STARS-2





## THETA IS . . . . .

### THETA IS . . . . . A PIONEER

The first Greek letter fraternity known among women, founded January 27, 1870 at Indiana Asbury University (now DePauw University), Greencastle, Indiana, exploring new frontiers of Leadership, Friendship, Service.

### THETA IS . . . . . A LEADER

- The first Greek letter fraternity known among women (1870)
- The first woman's fraternity to have members in Phi Beta Kappa (1874)
- The first woman's fraternity to establish a chapter in Canada (1887)
- The first woman's fraternity to adopt a coat of arms (1907)
- The first woman's fraternity to have a chapter house in Canada (1932)

### THETA IS . . . . . AN INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY WITH

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| • 95 college chapters (4 in Canada)   | 8 national committee chairmen                 |
| • 77 alumni chapters (1 in Canada)  | 1 NPC delegate                                |
| • 247 alumni clubs<br>(4 Canada, 1 England, 1 Mexico)                               | 12 Foundation officers, trustees,<br>chairmen |
| • 82,000 total membership:<br>Of this number approximately 7300<br>are collegiates. | 60 state chairmen                             |
| With volunteer alumni workers   | 473 Rush Rec Board chairmen                   |
| • 1,117 on national, regional scene:  | 512 authorized rush representatives           |
| 15 Grand Council  | • 4,020 serving on the local scene            |
| 36 district officers  | 570 ( <i>approx.</i> ) on Advisory Boards     |
|   | 760 ( <i>approx.</i> ) on House Corps.        |
|   | 98 permanent alumni secretaries               |
| 2,592 ( <i>approx.</i> ) officers of alumni groups                                  |   |

### THETA IS . . . . . A FRIEND

Giving financial assistance through

- The Friendship Fund, a confidential fund to aid members in misfortune.
- Loans to students needing financial help to complete their education.



## THETA IS . . . . .

### THETA IS . . . . . SERVICE

Kappa Alpha Theta through the Foundation contributes to:

- The Institute of Logopedics, Wichita, Kansas for the communicatively handicapped.
- Foster Parents' Plan for children "orphaned, distressed and destitute."
- DePauw Memorial Library Fund for purchase of books for DePauw Library.

Kappa Alpha Theta through the Foundation provides for:

- Graduate Scholarships, awarded annually to members for graduate study.
- Graduate Fellowship, awarded biennially to any qualified student, member or non-member, working on a doctorate.

### ADD TO THIS . . . . .

*Theta Is Opportunity*—for an individual to find her true identity. On the overcrowded campuses of today, this is doubly important in order not to be swallowed up by the masses. The opportunity to be creative, to strengthen character and to develop bonds of loyalty exists within the fraternity and gives a solid foundation on which to build. All this is possible because . . .

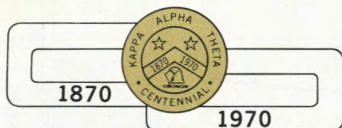
*Theta Is Heritage*—a cultural tradition that has been handed down through a full century, that forms the strong and valuable links of true sisterhood. The founders of Kappa Alpha Theta set up meaningful guidelines of high ideals, which every member gratefully strives to follow. This well earned heritage leads to greater achievement as we realize . . .

*Theta Is Scholarship*—as within this group situation there develops a stimulation of ambition to attain high scholarship, producing the desire to become truly educated. Competition runs high on today's campuses and it is challenging to work as a unit for common goals. The attainment of high scholarship by one becomes the goal for all. The many, working as "one," is only possible through friendship, for . . .

*Theta Is Friendship*—Indeed many Theta friendships which mean so much during college days also continue through adulthood. This friendship also reaches far beyond our intimate circle and on the wider horizons of such sharing ventures as the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kansas and the Foster Parents' Plan for war orphans. All this adds up to the fact that truly . . .

*Theta Is Happiness*—Since the spirit of each generation moves on enriching and producing a lightness of spirit and a joyous, sure approach to the future. For Kappa Alpha Theta provides a moral fiber, both spiritually and physically . . . greatly needed yesterday, today and tomorrow.





## Theta Links the Centuries . . . . .

### NPC

The women's social fraternities recognized early that working together on their common problems would benefit them all. Based on this premise there was an effort to hold a "Panhellenic Council" representing both men and women in 1884 in Philadelphia, which did not come off. Also, occasionally, on such campuses as Cornell and Kansas there were reports of "getting together" on rushing and pledging.

However, the first concrete step toward Panhellenism was taken by Kappa Kappa Gamma which invited women's Greek letter groups to meet in Boston in 1891. Those who sent representatives were Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi. The Thetas who attended were Margaret Smith, Alpha; Anna Florence Moon, Iota; Mattie P. Skinner, Lambda.

Though a second meeting of this group was planned for Chicago at the 1893 World's Fair, it did not materialize though five of the seven groups did participate in a "Congress" of fraternities at the Fair. Nevertheless, Theta was still thinking Panhellenically when at its 1894 convention it approved "cooperation with other Greek letter organizations."

Eight years later, in 1902, Alpha Phi took the initiative in calling a meeting in Chicago which is generally regarded as the forerunner of the present National Panhellenic Conference. The same seven sororities were represented, the question uppermost in their minds those of pledging and rushing. Laura Hills Norton, Eta, was Theta's representative and served as chairman of the session. Definite plans were made

for annual meetings of what was then named the Inter-Fraternity Conference.

Laura Norton remained Theta's representative to Panhellenic through the early years.

Records of the Eighth Conference held in September 1909 show Theta's L. Pearle Green as presiding officer and following this she was to be a power and influence in Panhellenic until holding her final office as chairman, 1947-49.

Two grand presidents of Theta have served as NPC delegates since L. Pearle's time: Margaret Killen Banta, 1950-56; Ellen Bowers Hofstead, 1956-. Both have contributed actively to NPC progress. A post held by both is that of NPC representative to the Interfraternity Research and Advisory Council (IRAC). Among other assignments, "Monnie" Banta was chairman of NPC-NAWDC (National Association of Women Deans and Counselors) committee; Ellen has chaired committees on College Panhellenics, Awards, Research and Public Relations.

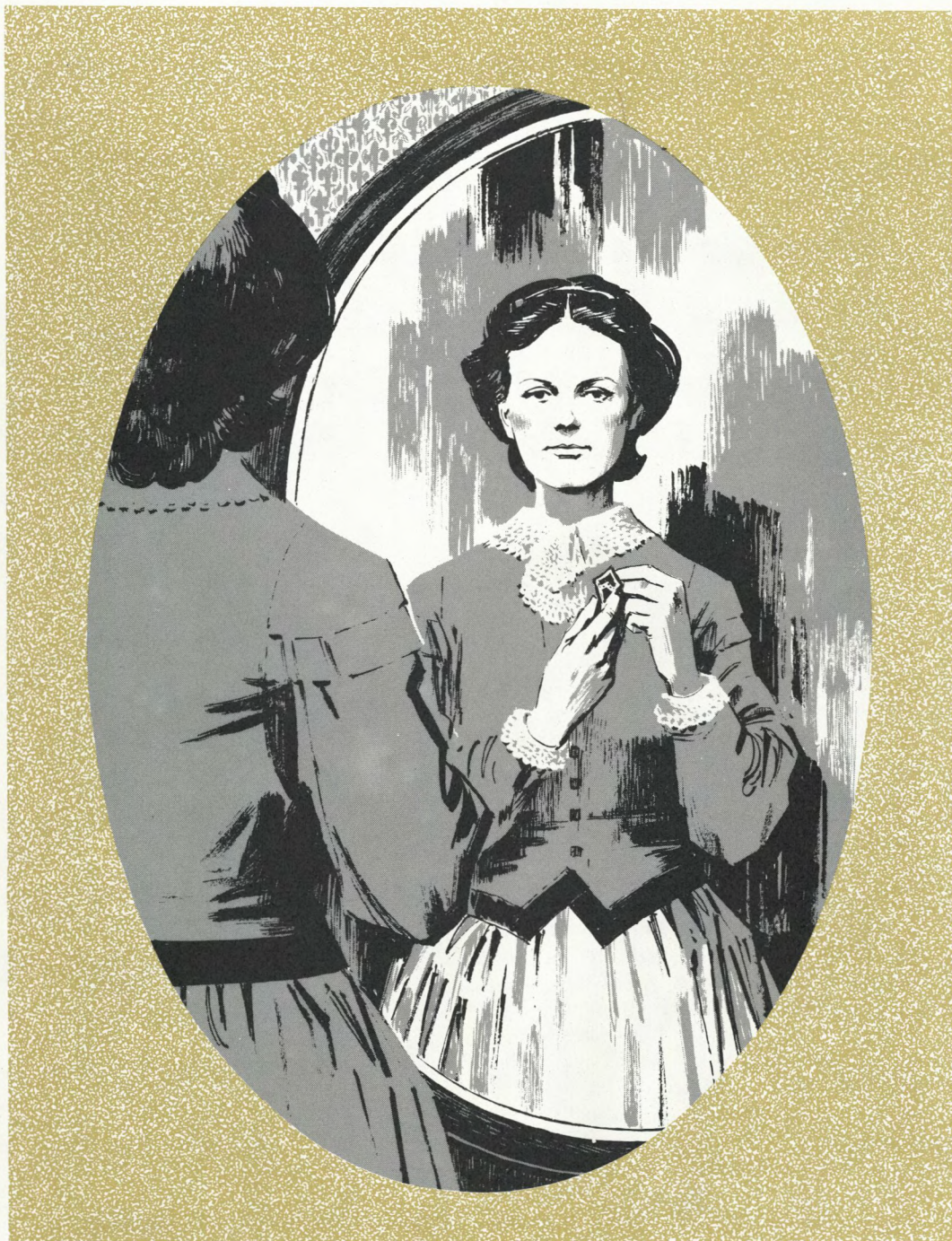
NPC as it now stands is a delegate body made up of one representative from each fraternity. Delegates meet biennially to exchange thinking on problems common to all. Officers serve in rotation according to date of admission to membership. NPC lacks legislative powers, except to pass rules for its own administration, but does establish policies and make recommendations on matters of concern to its members. NPC works with College Panhellenics on many campuses and City Panhellenics in many cities.

From a beginning in 1902 of seven women's fraternities with 187 chapters, 1970 sees NPC with a membership of 27 fraternities with 2,352 chapters in 379 colleges, representing a total of 1,376,821 women.

NPC editors held first "get-together" at NPC meetings in 1912, still meet today. Theta L. Pearle Green is front right.







This drawing depicts founder Bettie Locke as she initiated herself as the first Theta on January 27, 1870. Though the Theta pin did not appear until March 1870, it is shown here, joining for 1970 Centennial remembrance the Theta and her emblem.

## TEN DECADES OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA

Compiled by Carol Green Wilson



## DECADE PRESIDENTS

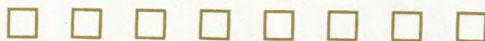


Mary Stevenson, A  
Oct. 21, 1870-Spring 1871

### NINETEEN WHO LED

First, second and fourth presidents of Kappa Alpha Theta were founders Bettie Locke, Alice O. Allen, Hannah "Jennie" Fitch. Mary Stevenson, the first initiate, served as the third president. All presidents during the decade were likewise president of Alpha chapter in this order (terms lasted only a few months): Jennie Brown, Mary "Lillie" Hanna, Ella Ellis, Lelia Washburn, Mary "Minnie" Hoyt, Flora Turman, Fannie Towne, Kate Webb, Stella Hinkle, Agnes Fisher, Anna Downey, Emma Blake, Martha Ridpath, Ellen "Nellie" Hoyt and Belle Hays.

### FIRST DECADE 1870-1880



#### 1870

JANUARY 27—Bettie Locke, a 20-year-old college junior, stands before a mirror to initiate herself into "the first Greek letter fraternity known among women" and then initiates Alice Allen, Bettie Tipton, Hannah "Jennie" Fitch into what becomes *Alpha* chapter.

MARCH 3—Five weeks later Mary Stevenson, age 16, is initiated.

MARCH 14—Founders arrive in chapel of Asbury University (now DePauw University) with black and gold kites pinned on winter coats.

EARLY MAY—A second chapter, *Beta*, is installed at Indiana University, Bloomington, with three initiates: Minnie Hannamon, Lizzie Harbison, Lizzie Hunter. This is in accordance with the first constitution which gave the mother ("National") chapter power "to establish chapters in other colleges." Also listed in some records as charter members of *Beta* are Emma Jennings and Theresa Luzadder. (Theresa's daughter, Helen, in 1893 became first Theta daughter initiated and Theresa's granddaughter, Louise Lucas, was initiated at Alpha in 1928.)

OCTOBER—Another women's fraternity, Kappa Kappa Gamma, is founded at Monmouth College in Illinois.

DECEMBER—*Cincinnati Wesleyan* receives a charter from Theta's Alpha.

#### 1871

APRIL 13—A chapter is tried at *Millersburg*, Kentucky. (Charter returned January 22, 1872 because "chapters in female colleges do not seem to prosper, for many reasons.")

APRIL 26—*Indiana Gamma* established at Moore's Hill College.

JUNE—*Cincinnati* charter is returned.

#### 1872

NOVEMBER 14—Theta's first convention is held at home of Margaret Dodd in Bloomington, Indiana.

#### 1874

FEBRUARY 27—Butler College (originally known as Northwestern Christian University) in Indianapolis welcomes Theta's Indiana Delta (later *Gamma*) chapter.

DURING YEAR—Moore's Hill chapter withdraws.

#### 1875

MAY 12—*Epsilon* starts life on Wooster campus in Ohio.

MAY 15—Second convention convenes at Butler College with three chapters represented and 17 members present.

JUNE 9—Illinois Alpha (later *Delta*<sup>1</sup>) establishes Theta at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.



## 1876

FEBRUARY—*Zeta* chapter begins at Ohio University, Athens.

MARCH 2—Third convention with five chapters represented meets in Greencastle, Indiana. Present is Augusta Densmore of Allegheny College who comes to Indiana to be initiated. She returns to Allegheny and starts *Mu* chapter by initiating three friends. All are seniors and charter is returned in fall.

## 1877

SPRING—A book of Theta songs is published with Beta as editor.

## 1879

MAY 10—Fourth convention, meeting in Bloomington, Indiana, establishes Grand Chapter and endows any chapter, with consent of this body, to establish others in institutions "in the front ranks of American colleges." . . . Conventions are biennial following this date.

DECEMBER 10—Search for new members brings Michigan Alpha (later *Eta*) to Ann Arbor where women had been admitted in 1872 to the first state university in the United States. Six Thetas become the first Panhellenic women on campus.

*Decade ends with seven collegiate chapters, approximately 270 members.*

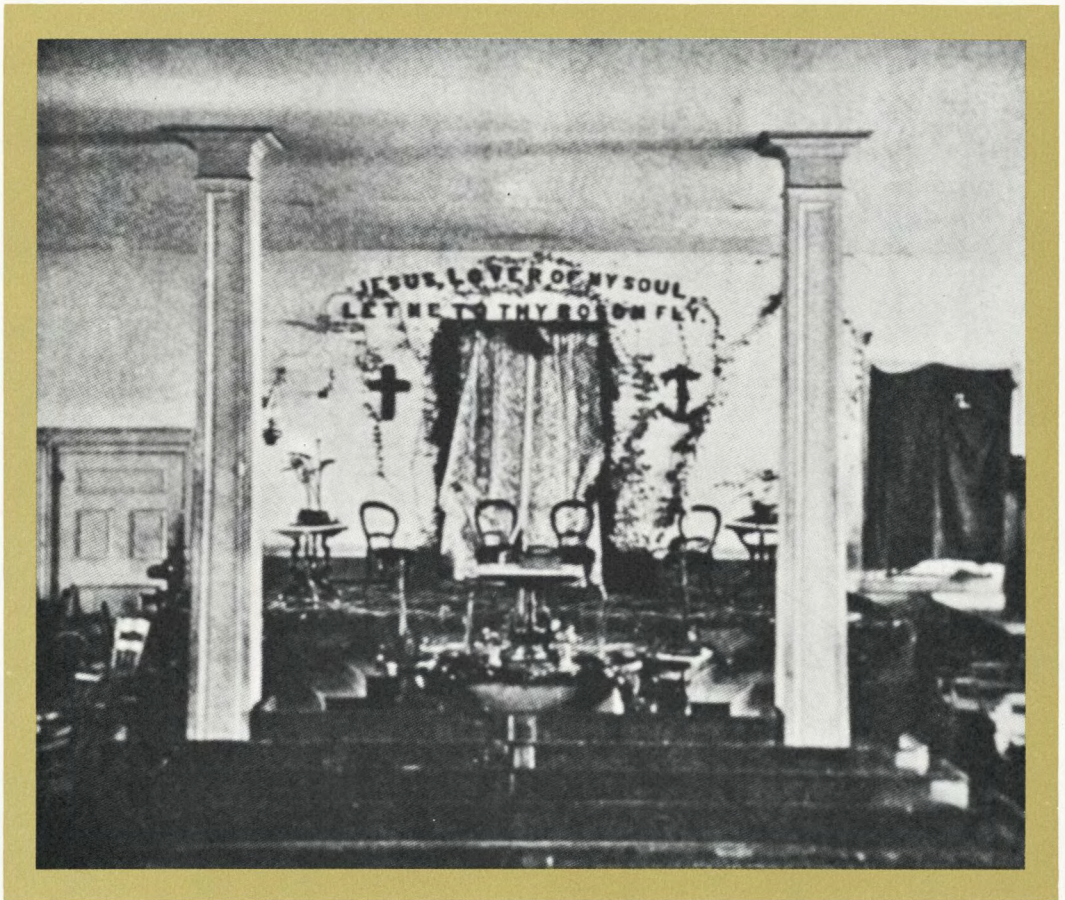


The famous cake basket—given by Asbury Phi Gams to Bettie Locke in lieu of Phi Gamma Delta pin she refused to wear.



The first picture of Theta's Alpha chapter at Asbury, now grown to 22 members, was taken June 1873. Founders' pictures: Bettie Tipton, upper left corner; Alice Allen, upper right; Bettie Locke, below Allen; Hannah Fitch, left of Locke.

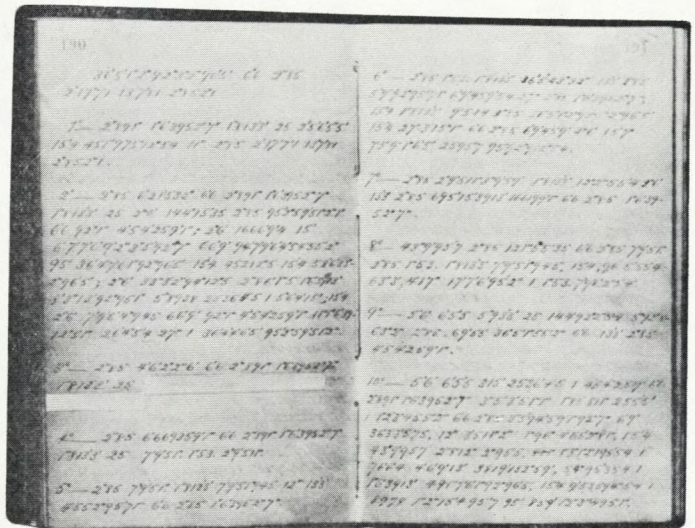




With so few girls at early Asbury, attending chapel with the boys was an event in itself, but never so much an event as the day when Theta's founders walked into the hall (shown above) wearing their new Theta pins.



Minnie Hannamon, first Beta member.



Written in cipher, Theta's 1870 constitution was made safe from prying eyes.



## DECADE PRESIDENTS



Ermina Fallass, A  
1887-1888  
(as she was in later years)

### TEN MORE WHO LED

Belle Hays was president until spring 1880 followed by Alpha members Grace E. Hoyt, Spring-Fall 1880, Martha Jenkins, Fall 1880-Spring 1881. The first Grand Chapter president was Lizzie Moore, Delta<sup>1</sup>, Illinois Wesleyan, who served from 1879-81 (no explanation in old records why there were two sets of officers, 1879-81!). Others who followed: all Alpha, Kate Hammond, 1881-83; Kate West, Grace Ward, 1883-85; both Epsilon, Kate McSweeney, Lenore Hanna, 1885-87; again all Alpha, Ermina Fallass, Ora Newcomer, 1887-89; Gertrude Mikels, 1889-91.

## SECOND DECADE 1880-1890



### 1880

JUNE 4—Theta reaches into Iowa with chapter at Iowa Alpha (later *Theta* chapter) at Simpson College, chartering for the first time a local already on campus.

### 1881

JANUARY 29—New York Alpha (later *Iota*) is installed at Cornell University.

FEBRUARY 19—Seven chapters send representatives to fifth convention in Wooster, Ohio. A new system of naming chapters in order of chartering, using the Greek alphabet, is inaugurated, dropping names of states. At this time Illinois Alpha is changed to Delta . . . Convention decrees that grand president shall always be from Alpha.

MARCH 18—*Kappa*, University of Kansas, comes into being.

APRIL 11—*Lambda* is installed at the University of Vermont, taking over a local called Alpha Rho, among whose members are the first two women ever elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

JUNE—Ohio Gamma (later *Gamma deuteron*) is established in response to a letter from a local at Ohio Wesleyan, Delaware, Ohio asking to be "lifted" into K A Θ. This same month Mu at Allegheny College is re-established.

### 1882

JANUARY 2—Ohio Gamma becomes inactive.

JANUARY 4—*Nu* chapter begins at Hanover, Indiana. Another national, Gamma Phi Beta, installs a second chapter at the University of Michigan and a professor friend coins the word "sorority."

### 1883

FEBRUARY 22—The sixth convention meeting in Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi Halls in Greencastle, Indiana with representatives from 12 chapters, votes to establish chapters at Smith College and Connecticut Wesleyan. The first is voted down by faculty at Smith; the second becomes *Xi* chapter . . . The duties of the Grand Chapter are redefined with a committee member from each chapter as the legislative body. All business is to be transacted by mail . . . Extension is henceforth to be by vote of all chapters.

### 1885

MARCH 26—The seventh convention, with 12 chapters represented, in session at Ann Arbor, Michigan, establishes the KAPPA ALPHA THETA JOURNAL with Kappa chapter at Kansas to provide the editor. Agnes Emery becomes first editor . . . Grand Chapter presidency is made elective, taking it away from Alpha.



## 1886

FEBRUARY 25—Specially called meeting of the Grand Chapter at Wooster, Ohio, to which 11 chapters send delegates. Up for consideration is the lack of harmony in the fraternity. Eta and Iota are considering withdrawing in order to join Alpha Phi (established at Syracuse in 1872) and form another national, or to become college chapters of Sorosis. As a result, by convention vote, Eta's Theta charter is withdrawn and 15 "ex-Thetas" establish a chapter of Sorosis at Michigan. The convention also calls in the charters of Gamma and Zeta.

## 1887

FEBRUARY 23—Xi returns charter because women are excluded from Conn. Wesleyan.



First women ever to be admitted into Phi Beta Kappa were Thetas from Lambda: Lida Mason (above), Ellen Hamilton.

FEBRUARY 25—Ninth convention at Hanover, Indiana standardizes badge: "Twin stars shall always be diamonds." . . . Decrees again that Alpha should hold grand presidency "permanently."

MARCH 3—Omicron brings Theta across the continent to California in response to letters from the sixth initiate at Alpha, Jennie Allen, now the wife of Dr. Marion Bovard, president of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

MARCH 19—Another Michigan chapter, *Pi*, is chartered at Albion College, where the new grand president of Theta, Ermina May Fallas, Alpha, had graduated before going to DePauw for her M.A. and initiation into Theta.

APRIL 7—At the suggestion of Sigma Chi, their Hall at the University of Nebraska is setting for installation of *Rho* chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, with Kate Wilder of Kappa presiding.

MAY 7—Zeta Psi, only men's fraternity in Canada, is responsible for the petition from Madge Robertson of University of Toronto, leading to installation of *Sigma* chapter by Anna Louise Benham, Iota.

SEPTEMBER 29—*Tau* is installed at Northwestern with Eva R. Hall as a charter member. Grand President Ora Newcomer and Sevilla Cleveland, both of Alpha, come from Greencastle to conduct the ceremony.

## 1888

DURING YEAR—A catalogue of Theta names is first published.

## 1889

FEBRUARY 6—Sevilla Cleveland comes west again to install *Upsilon* at the University of Minnesota. There is a hospitable welcome from Kappa and Delta Gamma who follow Minnesota tradition of tossing initiates in a blanket!

APRIL 4—*Phi* chapter is installed in San Jose, California, at a new Methodist institution known as University of Pacific by two members of Omicron, Helen Widney, Olive Harrison.

SPRING—Sigma returns charter.

OCTOBER 10—Gertrude Van Deusen and Emma Gilbert of Iota officiate at installation of *Chi* at Syracuse University in New York.

OCTOBER 30—The tenth convention convenes in Bloomington, Indiana devoting thought to ritual, selecting the pansy as official flower and choosing grip and password.

*Decade ends with 17 collegiate chapters, approximately 1,162 members.*





Meetings of Theta's 1887 convention were held at a hotel in Madison, Indiana. Taking a "break" from business, delegates and visitors went the few miles to Hanover College, assembled on a hillside for a good view of the campus and town.

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### Introduction

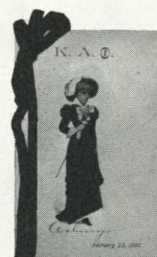
The year 1885 marks an era in Theta history. In the life both of men and of nations certain events stand out prominently and form what may be called milestones of progress. So fraternities hold in remembrance certain days, months and years intimately connected with their advancement. Now for the first time we take our place in the ranks of the Greeks as journalists. In this effort we are encouraged and withal a little disheartened by the success of our contemporary fraternity magazines. We are encouraged when we see what has already been done by those whom we are selfish enough to hope, Dame Fortune has not, in all cases, given talents and opportunities exceeding our own. We are pleased by the friendly reception we have already received. Yet when we consider what has been accomplished by our predecessors we are a little distrustful of our own ability.

"It is easy to do anything, if you only know how" is a trite and provoking saying, but it contains more wisdom than at first appears. Experience is a great teacher and time will give us experience.

Centuries ago the wise Solomon complained "of the making of books there is no end," yet the work has gone steadily on ever since. All organizations have now their party organ. No feature of college life has advanced more rapidly of late years than has college journalism. Even preparatory schools have their paper while The Annual has become an established fact in most large colleges and universities. We now even hear of an inter-



Lee Bird, Eta, a busy Theta in 1881.



A program, 1883.

First page of the first issue of Theta Magazine, June 1885.



Kappa chapter sponsored the first years of Theta Magazine; Agnes Emery was first editor, 1885-86.



Cards of gentlemen "callers" at a chapter reception, 1883.





Winifred Sercombe, Ψ  
1891-1893

#### FIVE MORE LEADERS

After a period of vacillation—first all national Theta presidents were to be from Alpha, next they were not to be, then they were and so on—the pattern of the grand president's election finally reached stability in 1891 with a two-year period of service from convention to convention, which still exists. Winifred Sercombe, Psi, was the first to serve for two years followed by Margaret Smith Abbott, Alpha, 1893-95; Harriet Funck Miller, Epsilon, 1895-97; Caroline Sargent Walter, Alpha Beta, 1897-99; Myra Post Cady, Eta, 1899-1901, Theta's first president in the 20th century.

#### THIRD DECADE 1890-1900



#### 1890

MAY 29—*Psi* receives a welcome on University of Wisconsin campus.

JUNE 2—Five members of Phi gather at home of Jessie Watson to initiate charter members of *Omega* at the University of California at Berkeley, thus completing the first round of the Greek alphabet.

SEPTEMBER—*Psi* becomes the first Theta chapter to occupy (and rent) a house and are welcomed there with a gift of a banquet lamp from a Kappa Kappa Gamma friend as "constant reminder of that ideal standard we all hope to attain—the ideal life of noblest womanhood."

#### 1891

DURING YEAR—Theta chapter at Simpson College returns charter.

APRIL—The first interfraternity convention is called in Boston by Kappa Kappa Gamma. Theta delegates are Margaret Smith, Alpha; Anna Florence Moon, Iota; Mattie P. Skinner, Lambda.

JUNE—*Rho* returns charter.

JULY 1—The eleventh convention meets in Lambda's small chapter house, the first owned by Kappa Alpha Theta. Establishes Grand Council as a national governing body with strict supervision of applications for new chapters . . . The delegate from Phi reports that women will

be admitted to new Stanford University to be opened in October and that six members of Phi have already applied for admission. Phi suggests that its charter be removed to new university. Convention votes to thus become the pioneer women's fraternity at Stanford and authorizes Harriet Groteclose Marx, Iota, wife of an engineering professor, to hold the charter until the character of women at Stanford can be ascertained . . . Constitution is amended to allow chartered alumnae chapters.

SEPTEMBER 24—A group which had been approved by convention becomes *Alpha Beta* at Swarthmore.

#### 1892

FEBRUARY—Phi chapter with ten members is installed at Stanford.

MAY 24—Edith Cockins realizes a dream when *Alpha Gamma* is installed at Ohio State with six members of Epsilon arriving from Wooster to conduct the ceremony.

#### 1893

FEBRUARY—The first alumnae chapter charter is issued to Greencastle, Indiana.

MARCH 28-29—First district convention meets in Greencastle.

JULY 25—Twelfth Theta convention is held in Chicago with representatives of 21 chapters. A



new constitution is adopted and the fraternity is divided into districts . . . The Moral Code is adopted . . . Limit of age for initiation set at 16 . . . Theta approves "cooperation with other Greek letter organizations," thus beginning Panhellenic relations . . . Pledging of preparatory students is forbidden.

JULY 29—Eta chapter re-chartered.

### 1895

OCTOBER 1—Syracuse chapter house is scene of thirteenth convention at which every chapter is urged to work for adoption of an interfraternity compact on campuses. . . National card catalogue of members is established . . . Approves Women's College of Baltimore for extension (as did 1893 convention) under new provision that an applying group must have been in existence at least a year . . . Omicron returns charter because founder, Jennie Allen Bovard, led decision that decreased enrollment in college lowered standards . . . Election of distinguished American women as honorary members is discontinued; there had been about a dozen to this time . . . *Delta* is transferred from Illinois Wesleyan to the University at Urbana.

### 1896

FEBRUARY 10—Rho chapter is re-chartered.

MAY 15—May Brown Torrey, Chi, of Grand Council, vice-president, Alpha District, with four other alumnae Thetas, installs *Alpha Delta* at Women's College of Baltimore (later Goucher).

### 1897

FEBRUARY 20—Six years after women were admitted to Brown University, Theta accepts a local known as "Tri-Kappa" (Karacter, Kulture, Knowledge) as *Alpha Epsilon*.

OCTOBER 6—The Senate Chamber of the State Capitol in Madison, Wisconsin seats delegates from 22 chapters of Theta for the fourteenth Grand Convention. Uniform ritual is accepted. A committee on fraternity education is established and new charters issued to all chapters.

### 1898

MARCH 19—*Alpha Zeta* is installed at Barnard, Women's College of Columbia University.

### 1899

AUGUST 30—Bettie Locke Hamilton and Hannah Fitch Shaw join the 108 delegates representing 25 chapters who gather for the fifteenth convention at Hotel English in Indianapolis. National archives are established and fraternity examinations inaugurated.

SEPTEMBER—Nu's charter returned.

Alumnae chapters have been chartered in Green-castle (*Alpha*, 1893); Twin Cities, St. Paul & Minneapolis (*Beta*, 1894); New York (*Gamma*, 1894); Chicago (*Delta*, 1896); Columbus, Ohio (*Epsilon*, 1897); Indianapolis (*Zeta*, 1897); Burlington (*Eta*, 1898); Philadelphia (*Theta*, 1898).

*Decade ends with 22 collegiate chapters, approximately 2,622 members.*



1891 convention was first on Theta property; meetings were held in Lambda's chapter house, termed "really a club house."



## DECADE PRESIDENTS



Ednah Wickson Kelly, Ω  
1901-1905



Marion Whipple Garrettson, Ω  
1905-1907



Anna Harrison Nelson, K  
1907-1911

### FOURTH DECADE 1900-1910



#### 1900

**DURING YEAR**—Phi builds a chapter house—the first women's Greek letter group at Stanford to attempt this. The lease for property on which to build is signed by Jane Lathrop Stanford, reading, "This shall be used to house members of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity; and for no other purpose."

#### 1901

**AUGUST 10-12**—Sixteenth Grand Convention meets at Hotel Albert, New York City. Convention votes to allow initiation of "other than liberal arts students." . . . Provides for district president visits between conventions.

#### 1902

**MAY 24**—A National Panhellenic meeting is called by Alpha Phi in Chicago.

#### 1903

**AUGUST 25-28**—Seventeenth convention is held at West Hotel, Minneapolis, with 95 present, representing 23 chapters. Endowment Fund is established and financial provision made for district president visits . . . Report is heard on Panhellenic, established in 1902.

**OCTOBER**—Theta has a printed constitution for the first time.

#### 1904

**JANUARY 15**—Theta enters the south, with installation of *Alpha Eta* at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee with six members of Phi Beta Kappa among the founders. Stella

Scott Vaughn, the first initiate, had worked four years for the granting of this charter.

**SEPTEMBER 17**—A second southern group—at the University of Texas—becomes *Alpha Theta*, with Marion Whipple, Omega, then vice-president in charge of Gamma District, postponing her wedding in order to install the chapter.

#### 1905

**JULY 3-7**—One hundred and eleven Thetas, representing 25 chapters, gather at Hotel Normandie in Philadelphia for eighteenth Grand Convention. Seven Canadian girls are pledged and initiated as charter is returned to Sigma at Toronto after an inactive period of 16 years . . . Los Angeles Alumnae delegate, Grace Lavayea, Upsilon, presents Scholarship Fund report and it is accepted as a national project . . . An elected editor, now a member of Grand Council, takes place of editing chapter.

#### 1906

**NOVEMBER 3**—Gamma at Butler is re-established.

**NOVEMBER 30**—*Alpha Iota* at Washington University in St. Louis introduces Theta into a new state—Missouri.

#### 1907

**JUNE 5**—*Alpha Kappa* receives charter at Adelphi College in Brooklyn, bringing number of chapters represented at the nineteenth convention held in Chicago in July to 28.



DURING YEAR—Omega builds a chapter house designed by one of its eminent alumnæ, Julia Morgan, later the architect for Hearst's Castle at San Simeon.

JULY 2-5—Two hundred and forty-four Thetas greet founders Bettie Locke Hamilton, Hannah Fitch Shaw and the daughter of Alice Allen Brant at the Chicago Beach Hotel. New York Alumnæ report leads to adopting of a Theta coat of arms, flag, seal and pledge pin . . . Official stationery using crest or Greek letters "K A Θ" is approved.

### 1908

MAY 21—A favorable report by Edith Cockins, appointed at Chicago convention to investigate petitioning group at University of Washington in Seattle, results in installation of *Alpha Lambda*.

NOVEMBER 18—Pi turns back its charter.

### 1909

FEBRUARY 12—*Alpha Mu*, at the state university in Columbia, becomes second Missouri chapter and is installed by Grand President Anna Harrison Nelson and District President Eva R. Hall.

JUNE 29—A second Chicago convention re-districts Theta and names a grand vice-president instead of making district presidents vice-presidents . . . First stunt party gives benefits to Scholarship Fund . . . Charters are awarded to three applying groups—at Montana, Oregon and Oklahoma . . . A pledge service written by Josephine McFarland Priestly, Rho, president of Gamma District which covers all states west of the Rockies, is presented.

JULY 16—*Alpha Nu* is installed at Missoula, Montana.

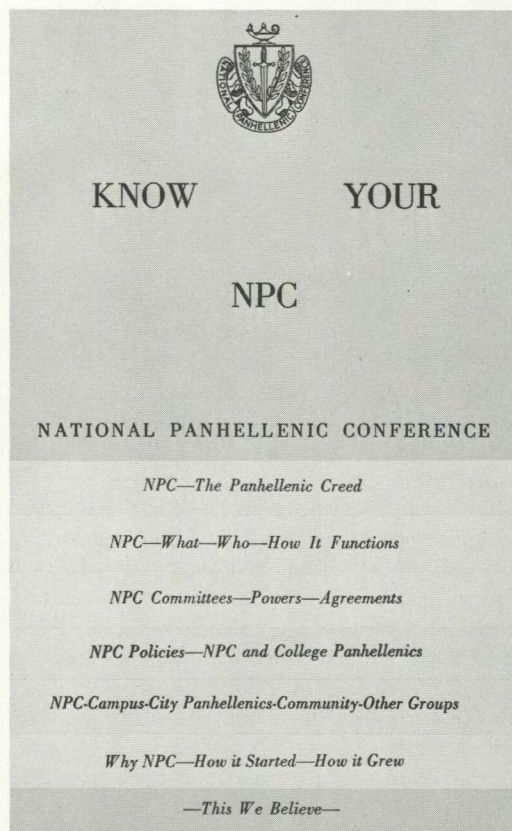
JULY 22—*Alpha Xi* begins with the initiation of the local Beta Epsilon group from the University at Eugene, Oregon.

AUGUST 25—*Alpha Omicron*, installed by Eva R. Hall, vice-president in charge of Delta District, becomes first Panhellenic group in state of Oklahoma.

DURING YEAR—First annual report of the fraternity is issued and mailed to every member. In this decade, 13 alumnæ chapters were chartered, thus organizing Theta in Los Angeles (Iota, 1901); Pittsburgh (Kappa, 1902); Athens, Ohio (Lambda, 1902); Cleveland (Mu, 1903); Wooster, Ohio (Nu, 1903); Kansas

City, Missouri (Xi, 1903); Syracuse, New York (Nu, 1905); Seattle (Omicron, 1908); Topeka (Pi, 1909); Denver (Rho, 1909); St. Louis, Missouri (Sigma, 1909); Lincoln (Tau, 1909); San Francisco (Upsilon, 1909).

*Decade ends with 32 collegiate chapters, approximately 4,807 members.*

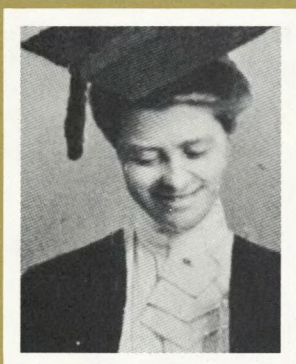


National Panhellenic Conference, better known as NPC, started in 1902 as 7 sororities (inc. Theta) met in Chicago.

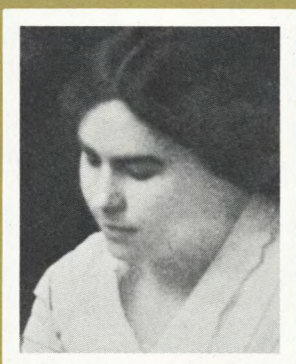


Pi Thetas, of 1906 vintage, loved porch of their lodge, the first property owned by a Theta chapter; occupied 1887.





Mabel Hale, I  
1911-1913



Ruth Haynes Carpenter, T  
1913-1915



Hope Davis Mecklin, AE  
1915-1919

## FIFTH DECADE 1910-1920



### 1911

JULY 11-14—The first Theta special train brings Thetas from 34 chapters to Pasadena where the twenty-first convention meets at Hotel Maryland, bringing together the largest number yet assembled—282. Three members of a local, just granted charter at University of North Dakota—Maud Templeton, Jessie Budge and Clara Bull—are initiated by Grand President Anna Harrison Nelson . . . First edition of *Kite* appears at convention . . . First Banquet Processional used with words written by Winifred Webb, Phi . . . Theta Handbook is issued . . . Pageant of California History is presented. SEPTEMBER 23—*Alpha Pi* is installed at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

### 1912

MARCH 9—South Dakota has a chapter at the University of Vermillion when *Alpha Rho* is installed.

APRIL 20—Alpha Epsilon's charter is returned.

### 1913

FEBRUARY 13—Epsilon returns its charter.

JUNE 24-27—Twenty-second Grand Convention meets in Chautauqua tent at Lake Minnawaska in the Catskill Mountains of New York with 306 members from 35 chapters present. Every delegate brings her chapter chain, used in evening service written by Eva R. Hall, which becomes predecessor of the *Niké* . . . A toast to

founders, written by Abbie Findlay Potts, Iota, toastmistress, is used for first time, as well as a Recessional, also from her pen . . . A service bureau is established to supervise national projects (non money making) for alumnae.

NOVEMBER 8—Ruth Haynes Carpenter, now grand president, comes to Pullman, Washington, to install, for the first time, a chapter in an "agricultural college," Washington State, as *Alpha Sigma*. The ceremony is held in a house owned by the petitioning group—a first.

DECEMBER 13—The installation of *Alpha Tau* on the campus of the University of Cincinnati becomes the reward of a local which had worked 23 years for this privilege.

### 1914

MAY 9—Topeka Alumnae join in welcoming *Alpha Upsilon* to the campus of Washburn College after a ten-year effort spearheaded by former Grand President Anna Harrison Nelson is victorious.

MAY 16—*Alpha Phi* chapter absorbs the Newcomb chapter of Phi Mu Gamma, then planning to change status to a junior college fraternity, and is installed at the Women's College of Tulane University in New Orleans.

### 1915

MAY 22—Thirty-five years after six Purdue students had been initiated secretly and kept their secret, *Alpha Chi* is installed at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.





Bessie Newsom Florence, AH  
1919-1922

#### GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION

Theta's fifth decade brought our 50th anniversary and the Golden Jubilee Convention held July 3-7, 1919 in the dormitories of Washington University at St. Louis, home of Theta's Alpha Iota chapter. Present was founder Hannah Fitch Shaw, described as a "joy and inspiration" to those at the convention. The first days of Theta were re-lived at convention with a reading of portions of the original minutes of Alpha chapter; based on these a "model" meeting was conducted followed by the initiation of a new member into the "mother" chapter—a reminder of Theta's heritage.

JUNE 4—Alpha Zeta's charter is returned.

JUNE 28-JULY 1—At Gearhart-by-the-Sea in Oregon at the twenty-third Grand Convention the office of grand alumnae secretary, with state chairmen as staff, is created . . . A national chain is used with silver links provided by each chapter and new ones by Grand Council for chapters installed in this biennium.

OCTOBER 2—The installation of *Alpha Psi* at Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin brings L. Pearle Green, grand secretary since 1901, from Ithaca, New York to conduct the ceremony with assistance (among others) of Marjorie Kinnan of the University of Wisconsin. The parents of one of the first initiates, Margaret Killen, entertain the new chapter at a reception in their home.

DECEMBER 4—Grand President Hope Davis Mecklin installs *Alpha Omega* at the University of Pittsburgh, to which she has just moved as the bride of a favorite professor, Dr. John Mecklin, whom she had met during her inspection of the petitioning group.

#### 1916

MAY 6—A third alphabetical round begins with installation of *Beta Beta* at Randolph-Macon in Lynchburg, Virginia. Two Theta alumnae on the faculty, Susie Ames in history and Dorothy Hughes in political science, become advisers.

#### 1917

APRIL 14—Omicron is re-activated at the University of Southern California.

JUNE 26-30—Forty-three chapters are repre-

sented at Charlevoix, Michigan for the twenty-fourth Grand Convention, which is concerned with Theta's possible service in the war in Europe. They vote to raise a fund to equip nurses of a base hospital and for this to give \$3,800 to the Red Cross on the basis of \$1.75 per member . . . National initiation fee is raised to include life subscription to magazine . . . Decision to admit new chapters on 90 percent vote if unanimous in district and to require pledges to earn one term's credit before initiation . . . Charters are granted by convention to groups in three western colleges . . . A national cataloguer is appointed to care for membership records heretofore handled in the offices of grand secretary or editor.

SEPTEMBER 8—*Beta Gamma* begins a long life of service in Colorado, at Colorado A & M, Fort Collins where the first initiate is Margaret Ross Portner, who is asked by Grand Council to participate in service as priestess, (a service she was to continue for some 40 years).

SEPTEMBER 15—*Beta Delta* at Tucson, Arizona becomes a cosmopolitan chapter with members from many states.

NOVEMBER 10—*Beta Epsilon* is the third national women's fraternity on the campus of Oregon State, but the local, installed in 1917, was the first Greek letter group on this campus.

#### 1918

DURING YEAR—Ruth Townley, Mu, goes to France as a Red Cross canteen worker as Theta's contribution.



## 1919

JULY 3-7—Founder Hannah Fitch Shaw is the honored guest at the Golden Jubilee Convention held in the dormitories of Washington University in St. Louis with 416 Thetas representing 46 chapters. Vote to use surplus War Fund, left over from sponsoring of Red Cross worker in France, for memorial to founders.

SEPTEMBER 5—*Beta Zeta* at Oklahoma A & M is the first post-war chapter, voted in by St. Louis convention.

NOVEMBER 1—The University of Pennsylvania welcomes the third chapter in that state, *Beta Eta*, which was also chartered at the St. Louis convention.

During this decade the roster of chartered alumnæ chapters increased by 18, with Thetas in Baltimore (Phi, 1910); Omaha (Chi, 1910); Evanston (Psi, 1910); Portland (Omega, 1911); Toronto (Alpha Beta, 1911); Madison, Wisconsin (Alpha Gamma, 1912); Stanford (Alpha Delta, 1912); Providence (Alpha Epsilon, 1912); Spokane (Alpha Zeta, 1913). The use of Greek letters was abandoned for Detroit, Cincinnati, 1913; Vermillion, South Dakota and Pullman, Washington, 1914; Boston, Tacoma, Austin, 1915; Norman-Oklahoma City, 1916; Washington, D.C., 1918.

*Decade ends with 45 collegiate chapters, approximately 8,644 members.*



Fifty years' of Theta were enjoyed at Golden Jubilee Convention (1919) by founder Hannah Fitch Shaw, 2d from right, and l. to r., L. Pearle Green, editor; Mary Ashby Fuller, v.p.; Martha Huffman, treas.; Hope Mecklin, pres.



Pictured with 1915 convention group were presidents-to-be Jeanette Grasett, mid-front, Pearl Higbie, at left, 2d row.



Identified only as "Wilhelm twins," these two with feather boas and saucy hats were look-alikes at 1915 convention.





No doubt about it, founder Hannah Fitch Shaw (center front) was the most important person at Theta's Golden Jubilee Convention (1919) held in the dormitories of Washington University at St. Louis, which became a hotel for Thetas alone.

The first Theta Special carried delegates to the 1911 convention at Pasadena, took eight days from Chicago to coast.

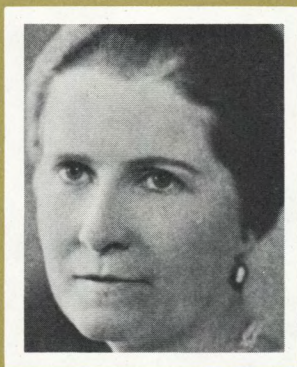


What the traveler wore in 1911 is amply displayed by this group of Thetas waiting for their convention train. Apparently it rained a lot in 1911 to judge by the many umbrellas; it also must have been cool, everyone is covered up so well!





Martha Cline Huffman, P  
1922-1924

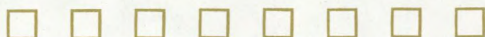


Jessie Baldrige Lebrecht, K  
1924-1928



Elizabeth Hogue Moore, Φ  
1928-1930

## SIXTH DECADE 1920-1930



### 1920

MAY 15—The campus of the University of Idaho at Moscow sees black and gold kites on the blouses of new members of *Beta Theta*.

### 1921

APRIL 22—The applying local at the University of Colorado in Boulder, having been approved by a mail vote, is installed as *Beta Iota* with 34 charter members.

APRIL 30—A Panhellenic weekend sees *Beta Kappa* of Kappa Alpha Theta, along with Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma, installed on the campus of Drake University in Des Moines.

JUNE—Convention is postponed a year due to post-war conditions.

### 1922

APRIL 28—William and Mary, in Williamsburg, Virginia, second oldest college in the United States and the birthplace of Greek letter societies (Phi Beta Kappa in 1776), enters Theta's roster with *Beta Lambda*.

JUNE 24-28—Lake Placid Club on the famous New York lake houses 455 Thetas for the twenty-sixth convention. The first Kappa Alpha Theta Fellowship is named for founder Bettie Locke Hamilton and the \$1,200 stipend awarded to a student in social service . . . A Founders Memorial Library is established at DePauw to hold "women in industry" collec-

tion of books; is dedicated on Feb. 22, 1926. NOVEMBER 18—*Beta Mu* is installed at home of president of the University in Reno, Nevada whose wife is Euphemia Abrams Clark, Iota.

### 1924

MAY 31—Gamma deuteron chapter of Theta, a revival of the defunct Ohio Gamma chapter, returns Theta to Ohio Wesleyan.

JUNE 27-JULY 1—Bettie Locke Hamilton is the speaker at the twenty-seventh Grand Convention in the West Baden Springs Hotel in Indiana . . . The service and alumnae boards merge . . . Colonization as means of extension is approved.

OCTOBER 18—Theta enters Florida with installation of *Beta Nu* at Florida State College for Women, where Dr. Jennie Tilt, Alpha Chi, professor of nutrition, only Theta in residence, proves a tireless adviser.

### 1925

JUNE 14—A year after California delegates brought to convention glowing reports of a local group at the University of California at Los Angeles, those girls begin *Beta Xi*.

### 1926

JUNE 9—*Beta Omicron* at Iowa City, Theta's first colonized chapter, assumes a role on the Iowa University campus.

JUNE 14—Forty alumnae members of the Sororian literary society at Michigan State College in



Lansing are pledged and initiated with ten college students as *Beta Pi* is installed.

JULY 1-5—San Francisco and Bay Area Alumnæ welcome the largest number of Thetas yet assembled for the twenty-eighth convention at the Clift Hotel—668 members from 58 chapters. L. Pearle Green is honored at the closing banquet at the Fairmont with a check and gold watch, commemorating 25 years of service.

### 1928

FEBRUARY 18—Loyal alumnæ in Durham, North Carolina see their dreams realized when *Beta Rho* enters Duke University.

JULY 16-21—Breezy Point Inn in Pequot Point, Michigan is host to 318 Thetas at the Grand Convention at which the Scholarship Fund is re-christened Loan and Fellowship and alumnæ delegates are granted the same expense allowance as college delegates.

### 1929

MARCH 10—With the enthusiastic backing of District VIII, a new Texas chapter, *Beta Sigma*, is installed at Southern Methodist in Dallas.

JUNE 15—*Beta Tau* comes onto Denison campus in Granville, Ohio when a local, Chi Psi Delta, which had first petitioned Theta in 1901, is installed with 182 charter members.

In this decade 23 new charters were issued to alumnæ: New Orleans, Champaign-Urbana, Des Moines, 1920; Houston, Milwaukee, Appleton, 1921; Wichita, 1922; Nashville, Ithaca, Rochester, 1923; Pasadena, Dallas, Blooming-

ton, Indiana, 1925; Gary, Berkeley, 1926; Chicago-Southside, St. Paul, 1927; Tulsa, San Diego, Reno, Yakima, 1928; Lansing, Lafayette, 1929.

*Decade ends with 58 collegiate chapters, approximately 15,892 members.*



Ellen Jones Browder, second girl initiated by Theta founders, came to 1928 convention as delegate from the Chicago-Southside Alumnæ, wore her wedding gown for talk to group.



Theta Memorial Library at DePauw came into being in 1922.



Wherever Thetas gather, they dream up plans. Martha Cline Huffman (r.), grand president 1922-24, was hostess at her Omaha home for Theta planners (l. to r.) Elizabeth Shearer Gepson, Pauline Brannock Moore, Adelaide Sinclair.



## DECADE PRESIDENTS



Margaret Killen Banta, AΨ  
1930-1936



Jeanette Gemmill Grasett, T  
1936-1938



Adelaide Macdonald Sinclair, Σ  
1938-1942

## SEVENTH DECADE 1930-1940



### 1930

**DURING YEAR**—Kappa Alpha Theta's first printed history—a hard cover book covering the years since the 1870 founding to 1929—is issued. Author of *Sixty Years in Kappa Alpha Theta* is Estelle Riddle Dodge, Kappa.

**FEBRUARY 15**—The picturesque campus of the University of British Columbia on the tip of Point Grey becomes the home of Theta's second Canadian chapter as *Beta Upsilon* is chartered.

**JULY 3-5**—The first Canadian convention assembles in Toronto at the Royal York Hotel with 62 chapters represented. Convention votes that alumnae chapters must keep membership to a minimum of 20 to retain charters.

### 1931

**MAY 30**—Four members of Grand Council join L. Pearle Green as she presides at installation of *Beta Phi* at Pennsylvania State University.

**SEPTEMBER 26**—Another Canadian chapter adds a link to Theta's chain as *Beta Chi* is installed at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

### 1932

**FEBRUARY 27**—McGill University in Montreal, Canada is the fourth educational unit across the border to welcome a Theta chapter as *Beta Psi* is installed.

**JUNE 26-JULY 1**—Sixty-three chapters are represented at Estes Park, Colorado for the thirty-

first convention, held high in the Rockies. The Loan and Fellowship committee delegate receives the same status as a district president.

**SEPTEMBER 2**—A third Colorado chapter is added with the installation of *Beta Omega* at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, thus completing the Greek alphabet for the third time.

### 1933

**JANUARY 27**—Just 63 years after the founding, the 64th chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta is installed at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida as *Gamma Gamma*, another colonization.

### 1934

**JUNE 28-JULY 2**—Asheville, North Carolina is the setting for the thirty-second Grand Convention which decides that voting delegates shall be official delegates from college and alumnae chapters, district presidents, state chairmen and Loan and Fellowship delegate.

**DURING YEAR**—The loss of Alpha Beta chapter at Swarthmore is further evidence of growing opposition to Greek letter organizations shown at Barnard and Brown earlier.

### 1936

**JUNE 29-JULY 4**—The Many Glaciers Hotel in Glacier Park, Montana houses 298 Thetas for Grand Convention.

### 1937

**MARCH 6**—Theta enters a new state—Georgia



—with the installation of *Gamma Delta* at the University in Athens after another successful colonizing experiment.

SEPTEMBER 18—Grand President Jeanette Grasett travels to London, Ontario to install the fifth Canadian chapter, *Gamma Epsilon*, at the University of Western Ontario.

### 1938

JUNE 25-JULY 1—At Spring Lake, New Jersey convention, the report of a Chicago firm of efficiency experts leads to a complete re-organization of the administrative routine. Following the resignation of L. Pearle Green as executive secretary, Central Office is moved to Chicago (1939) with Helen Sackett, Psi, in that position and L. Pearle Green remaining as editor and Panhellenic delegate.

During the decade two new alumnae chapters came into being: Buffalo and Dayton.

*Decade ends with 65 collegiate chapters, approximately 26,823 members.*



Helen Sackett presided over Theta's first office in 1939.



Alpha Lambda Thetas "heave-ho, my hearties" with this winning crew which put on stunt at Glacier Park convention, 1936.



Founders' Day in Shanghai, 1930, was celebrated with a "tiffin." Firecrackers for Chinese New Years enlivened day.



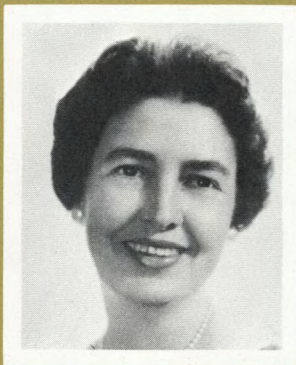
Grand President Grasett welcomed Gamma Epsilon, 5th chapter in Canada, presented charter in September 1937.



## DECADE PRESIDENTS



Pearl Van Siclen Higbie, AK  
1942-1946



Virginia Lauderdale Grimm, O  
1946-1948



Helen Stiles French, A  
1948-1952

### EIGHTH DECADE 1940-1950

#### 1940

JUNE 30-JULY 5—The huge Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan extends hospitality to 369 Thetas for the thirty-fifth Grand Convention. In response to the growing need for stabilizing fraternity finances, the grand president is empowered to appoint a finance committee.

#### 1941

JULY 19—Sigma returns its charter.

#### 1942

JUNE 16-19—Under wartime stress a strictly business convention meets at the Medinah Club in Chicago. Grand President Adelaide Sinclair urges delegates to help "restore a stricken world with informed intelligence."

OCTOBER 3—*Gamma Zeta* becomes the first chapter of a national women's fraternity on the campus of the University of Connecticut and the second active Theta chapter in New England since Xi turned in its charter in 1887.

#### 1943

FEBRUARY 7—*Gamma Eta* becomes the first Massachusetts chapter as it is installed on the University campus in Amherst 60 years after the sixth convention vote to establish a chapter at Smith College had met faculty disapproval.

#### 1944

APRIL 29—Grand President Pearl Higbie, en route to Pittsburgh to install *Gamma Theta* at

Carnegie Tech, hears radio report in club car of the decision of the Stanford University Board of Trustees to abolish Panhellenic groups there.

MAY—Phi at Stanford turns in its charter.

JUNE 22-25—In lieu of a convention, an Officers' Conference is held at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. Among top priority subjects the trend of Theta philanthropy is predominant. It is decided to offer libraries to the Merchant Marine in honor of Thetas killed in action, to adopt war orphans under the Foster Parents' Plan and to donate money to support the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kansas. Helen Stiles French, Lambda, is named as the national philanthropy chairman.

#### 1945

OCTOBER 27—*Gamma Iota* finally justifies the hope of founder Bettie Tipton that Kentucky women should wear kites and is installed at the University of Kentucky at Lexington. Phi's flat silver is sent as a gift to the newest chapter.

#### 1946

JUNE 24-29—Eight hundred and twenty Thetas attend the Jubilee post-war Convention at The Huntington in Pasadena, California, many arriving on the long cross-continent "Theta Special" train. The Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kansas becomes the major Kappa Alpha Theta philanthropy . . . The first Interna-



tional Fellow, selected by the Loan and Fellowship committee, is announced as Johanna Hudig of Holland and the fellowship is named for Past Grand President Adelaide Sinclair, Sigma, who had commanded the WRENS in Canada during World War II.

NOVEMBER 9—*Gamma Kappa* at George Washington University in the nation's capital becomes the first post-war chapter in answer to the loneliness of eight transfers on the 100-year-old campus and the decision of Grand Council to colonize.

#### 1947

FEBRUARY 14—Colonization at the University of Maryland reaches fruition in the installation of *Gamma Mu* at a District VII convention in Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City.

MARCH 2—*Gamma Lambda* comes onto the campus of Beloit College in Wisconsin in response to encouragement from the administration, which, like others, was realizing the contribution Panhellenic groups had made during the war period.

JUNE 19—*Gamma Nu* at North Dakota State College realizes the dream of a local group organized here in 1914.

#### 1948

FEBRUARY 7—In San Jose, California, Bernice Tompkins, whose mother had belonged to the

original Phi chapter, participates in the transformation of Sappho Society, which she long sponsored, into *Gamma Xi*, as Theta is welcomed with Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Kappa and Phi Mu to a state college recently acquiring four-year status.

MARCH 13—Thirteen girls are initiated at the University of New Mexico just 13 months after they formed a local to start *Gamma Omicron*.

APRIL—Pearl Higbie, chairman of extension, speaks to alumnæ in KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE saying that expansion is necessary "to give more girls the opportunity of sharing the pleasure and responsibilities that are yours."

MAY 8—Installation of *Gamma Pi*, colonized at Iowa State College in Ames, proves the fraternity's trend toward expansion.

JULY 2-5—Mackinac Island is again the setting for a Grand Convention. Lillian Waite Wilson, Alpha Kappa, is appointed to succeed Helen French as philanthropy chairman . . . An amendment to the constitution is passed adding a second vice-president.

Seven new alumnæ chapters were chartered during the decade: Miami and Toledo, 1940; Fargo and Honolulu, 1947; Long Island, San Jose and Santa Barbara, 1949.

*Decade ends with 76 collegiate chapters, approximately 40,611 members.*



War-time Officers' Conference was held at French Lick Springs in Nov. 1943. Grand President Higbie is shown seated (l.).





As Theta adopted Institute of Logopedics as major national philanthropy (1946) interest focused on founder Martin F. Palmer's work that the silent may speak.



First Theta Fellow, Johanna Hudig, (l.), later became judge in Holland.



Alpha Theta carnival helped 4th War Loan Drive, 1944.



Houston Alumnae sold War Bonds in Victory Trailer in 1944.



This was installation luncheon for Gamma Pi in May 1948. Thetas are hatless; Dean McGlade wears the interesting hat.



The first Theta house to be owned in Canada was at Gamma Epsilon, purchased in 1945 for the Western Ontario chapter.





Ellen Bowers Hofstead, A H  
1952-1956



Alletta Henderson Munz, X  
1956-1960

#### REORGANIZATION

1958 survey by a management firm enlarged Grand Council to 15—1 president, 4 vice-presidents, 10 members-at-large. The officers serve these areas: administrative, alumnae, collegiate, finance, service; 2 members-at-large assist each officer's work.

#### NINTH DECADE 1950-1960



#### 1950

JANUARY 28—The new alumnae chapter in Santa Barbara, California proudly hostesses Grand Council members for the installation of *Gamma Rho*, the outgrowth of a dream of Pearl Chase, Omega, who realized the potential as soon as the University of California planned to make Santa Barbara State Normal School part of the enlarged University system. Again Theta is part of a Panhellenic Week when Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, Delta Sigma Epsilon, Pi Beta Phi and Sigma Kappa come in simultaneously.

JUNE 6—Alpha Delta returns its charter as the trustees at Goucher disband all fraternities.

JUNE 20-25—New Ocean House, with its long verandah facing the Atlantic at Swampscott-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, receives 516 Thetas for the thirty-ninth Grand Convention. College per capita dues to the national fraternity are raised from \$7.50 to \$10.00 and profits from the magazine agency are assigned to the Philanthropy Fund.

AUTUMN—Ruth Jones Stuhr, Beta Kappa, becomes editor of the KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE, succeeding L. Pearle Green.

#### 1951

JANUARY 26—Another California state college is added to the Theta roster as *Gamma Sigma* when Ellen Bowers Hofstead, Alpha Eta, grand

treasurer, and Irene Combe Miller, Omicron, grand alumnae secretary, conduct installation ceremonies in San Diego.

FEBRUARY 24—A month later another colonized group becomes *Gamma Tau* chapter on the University of Tulsa campus in Oklahoma, the result of the efforts of six transfers from other colleges who had come to Tulsa for that purpose and had been granted a charter at the 1950 convention.

APRIL 14—Ohio acquires a third Theta chapter as *Gamma Upsilon* takes its place on the campus of Miami University, Oxford.

OCTOBER—Alpha Kappa goes out of existence.

#### 1952

JUNE 25-30—Sun Valley, Idaho belies its name as a rain storm drenches gaily costumed conventionites at their Wild West barbecue, but members of 81 chapters enjoy their other days in this western vacationland. The office of grand editor is abolished and future editors will not belong to Grand Council.

#### 1953

APRIL 25—The western trend is continued as Texas claims a third chapter, *Gamma Phi*, at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Forty-five college members and 77 alumnae of the 25-year-old petitioning group are initiated as the chapter is installed by Grand First Vice-President Louise Crawford, Alpha Omicron, and Mary Forrest



Brandriff, Beta Tau and Tau, grand alumnae secretary.

MAY 23—California achieves a record as a seventh chapter, *Gamma Chi* at Fresno State College, is installed when this, the first Junior College in the state, enters a new era as an accredited four-year institution.

#### 1954

JUNE 19-24—The majestic Hotel Chateau Frontenac towering above Quebec City in Canada is the gathering place for 415 Thetas from 84 chapters for the forty-first convention. The 90 percent vote of college chapters required before a charter is granted to a petitioning group or colonization is approved is reduced to 75 percent . . . Mary Ellen Myers Parr, Beta, is appointed editor.

#### 1955

MARCH 5—Pi is re-established at Albion. Among the new initiates are five who were students at Albion when the original charter was returned in 1908.

APRIL 15—*Gamma Psi* at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth becomes the fourth chapter in that state as the result of an invitation from the administration to join with other Panhellenic groups in colonization.

#### 1956

JUNE 25-30—Canadian alumnae across the continent in Alberta are hostesses for convention in Banff. *We Who Wear Kites*, by Carol Green Wilson, the new history of Theta commissioned by Grand Council in 1953, is presented.

#### 1957

JANUARY 26—Auburn University becomes the first Alabama institution to have a chapter of Theta as *Gamma Omega* is installed.

MARCH 16—*Delta Delta's* installation on the campus of Whitman College brings Theta into a Panhellenic which includes several long-established chapters of national groups. This is another colonized chapter, sponsored and encouraged by an active alumnae club in Walla Walla.

#### 1958

JUNE 23-28—A major change in fraternity administration comes while the forty-third Grand Convention meets at Galen Hall in the Pennsylvania mountains. The report of the Chicago firm of efficiency experts means revamping Grand Council. There is now a grand president with four vice-presidents with equal status governing college and alumnae programs, finance and service projects. Ten members-at-large serve

as assistants in the various categories. District duties are divided, to be carried out by two officers in each district—a college district president to work with college chapters and an alumnae district president to serve alumnae chapters and clubs. . . . Mary Margaret Kern Garrard, Alpha Chi, becomes Theta's editor.

#### 1959

FEBRUARY 28—Nu is re-activated at Hanover, Indiana.

APRIL 11—*Delta Epsilon* brings Theta into Arizona State at Tempe, with encouragement of the Phoenix Alumnae Chapter.

MAY 9—Theta enters Emory University in Georgia as this school opens its campus to ten national sororities. Theta's 78 initiates into *Delta Zeta* chapter form the largest group among the ten.

AUGUST—Central office is moved to Evanston, Illinois after 20 years in Chicago.

DECEMBER 12—Phi returns to the University of the Pacific, now located in Stockton, California, with the enthusiastic backing of Phi Stanford Alumnae led by Bernice Tompkins.

During the decade, these alumnae chapters have been chartered: Long Beach, 1950; Fort Collins, 1951; Atlanta, Sacramento Valley, Hartford, Tucson, 1952; Fort Worth, 1955; Fresno, Rockford, 1956; Lubbock, 1957.

*Decade ends with 85 collegiate chapters, approximately 58,272 members.*



The 1950's saw Theta contributing regularly to the Institute of Logopedics. Soon funds were available to build the Theta Court, a fourplex housing 36 youngsters in training to learn to speak. A housemother manages the household.





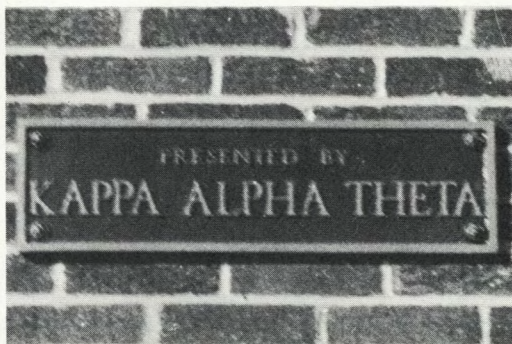
After 20 years in Chicago, Central Office moved to Evanston Aug. 1959 with Helen Sackett (at desk) still at the helm.



1958 convention brought together record number of past grand presidents: l. to r., Banta, Grasett, Sinclair, Higbie, Grimm, French, Hofstead, looking young as ever.



Beth Bogie, shown with mother, is first 4th generation Theta.



Plaque on Theta Court (location shown at left) honors Theta which maintains Court at Logopedics with annual contributions.





Hazel Baird Lease, AN  
1960-1964

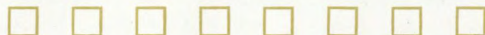


Virginia Speidel Edwards, AT  
1964-1968



Norma Anderson Jorgensen,  
IZ, 1968-

## TENTH DECADE 1960-1970



### 1960

JUNE 17-22—California again lures Thetas as the forty-fourth convention meets in historic Hotel Del Coronado at San Diego. Helen Sackett is surprised as honoree at the banquet and by having the 1960 Fellowship named for her as she completes 21 years as executive secretary . . . Convention is saddened when Dorothy Hughes of Lynchburg, Virginia turns in the charter of her chapter, Beta Beta, because the board of trustees of Randolph-Macon College had abolished sororities there on May 13, 1960. WINTER—Charlotte Hall, Upsilon, 1896, writes in Theta Magazine as Hawaii becomes 50th state. She is 3d generation Hawaii.

### 1961

MAY 13—Kansas State College at Manhattan, home of the first land grant university in America, becomes the locale for *Delta Eta*.

JUNE 1—The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is incorporated as a separate non-profit organization governed by a board of eight trustees, with Evelyn Widman Tunncliffe, Eta, president and Elizabeth Whalton Little, Beta Nu, as treasurer. Tax exempt status granted later.

### 1962

APRIL 1—Helen Sackett retires as executive secretary and is succeeded by Dorothy Schulze Vaaler, Tau.

APRIL 28—*Delta Theta*, at the University in

Gainesville, becomes a third Florida chapter. This was colonized under the direction of "Flivver" Little and Florence Benner Wylie, Beta, representatives of Grand Council.

JUNE 24-29—Wentworth-by-the-Sea in Portsmouth, New Hampshire gives a royal welcome to the forty-fifth Grand Convention. Interesting touch is that the hotel manager's mother, Mary Louise Barker Smith, was a Theta from Kappa chapter and co-author of Theta's "Loving Cup Song," which is sung by the convention choir at the closing banquet . . . The timely convention theme is "Our Beliefs Shape Our Lives—and Perhaps the World." . . . Former Grand President Jeanette Grasett is honored at the banquet and the 1962 Fellowship is named for her and awarded to Taiko Nagasawa from Japan for study at the Institute of Logopedics.

### 1963

FEBRUARY 23—A group colonized the previous year is installed at the College of Puget Sound as *Delta Iota*. A happy feature of the ceremony is the presentation of the pin of Florence Moore Todd, Alpha, wife of the first president of this University, to be used as the chapter's "president's pin." Tacoma Alumnæ sponsored this group.

MARCH 23—Louisiana State welcomes *Delta Kappa*, a chapter climaxing the colonization ef-



forts of the 19 members in the Baton Rouge Theta Alumnæ Club and Alpha Phi chapter collegiates who had come from New Orleans by bus in September to help with rush under the direction of Grand Council representatives, Mary Hamilton Ackerman, Kappa, and Mary Forrest Brandriff.

## 1964

JUNE 14-19—Theta returns to glorious Banff for the forty-sixth convention.

DURING YEAR—Trustees of LINK announce five-year program to raise \$100,000 birthday gift to Theta to honor founders with undergraduate scholarships.

## 1965

JANUARY 23—This year begins with a new chapter, *Delta Lambda*, in Salt Lake City where Theta finally joins other Panhellenic groups at the University of Utah.

FEBRUARY 21—Iota chapter surrenders its charter.

NOVEMBER 6—With the loyal help of the Providence, Rhode Island Theta Alumnæ Club, another New England chapter comes into being at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston as *Delta Mu*.

## 1966

JUNE 12-17—Another international Theta convention takes delegates to the British island of The Grand Bahama. Justice Tom Clark of the U. S. Supreme Court is a compelling speaker, urging the Greek world to exert its strength on the American scene . . . Marjorie Montrose Christiansen, dean of students at Sarah Lawrence College, whose higher education was made possible by a Theta Fellowship, speaks of "faith as the foundation of living" and "love that is concerned with each other" in her talk.

OCTOBER 29—A colonized group at the University of Arkansas becomes *Delta Nu*, the ninth Panhellenic organization on this campus where Chi Omega was founded. Carol Spivey, Gamma Tau, colonizer, welcomes Grand President Jinny Edwards and other officers as her chapter from Tulsa is installing chapter.

DECEMBER 3—*Delta Xi* enters Chapel Hill at the University of North Carolina where Panhellenic spirit is good and the contribution of such groups is appreciated. More than a quarter of the women on campus are affiliated in the eight Greek letter sororities now functioning.

## 1967

MARCH 4—A Theta chapter is installed at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa as *Delta Omicron*. Kathy Jones, charter member and first president, receives the 71-year-old pin of Della Stewart Frazer Ramsey, 102nd initiate of Kappa chapter at the University of Kansas, mother of the installation banquet speaker, History Professor Dr. John F. Ramsey.

JUNE 19-23—The first Leadership School is held at the University of Nebraska Center for Continuing Education with district officers, college chapter presidents and Grand Council in attendance. Advisory Board chairmen are also invited if aided financially by their chapters. This substitute for district conventions is a step in the fraternity program to strengthen chapter operation and increase fraternity enthusiasm and awareness among collegiate members. In some areas a District Day provides inspiration for those not eligible for Leadership School.



As Theta ends her first century, the only great-granddaughter of founder Bettie Locke Hamilton enters DePauw and becomes a Theta. Her Dad and mother (Genevieve Hartley Cones, Alpha) escorted Carole onto the campus.





First convention banquet grand march was 1911. At 1968 convention President Jorgensen (l.) walked with her chapter.



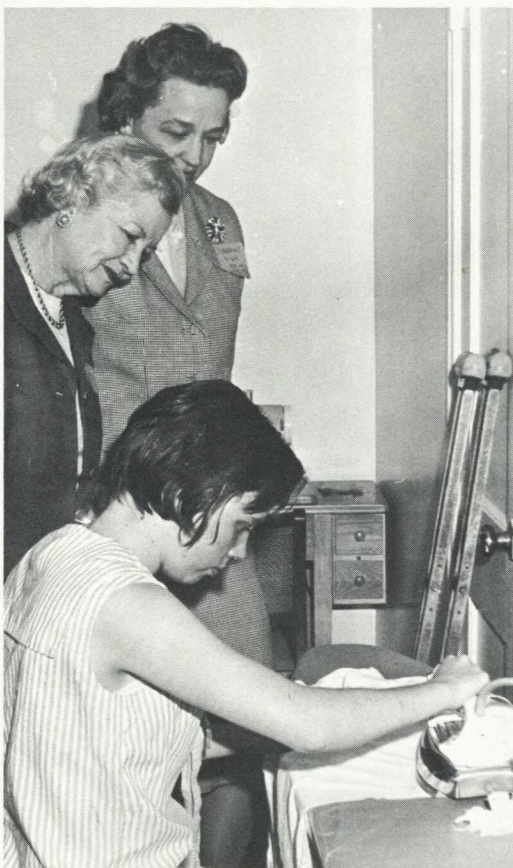
Historian Carol Green Wilson (l.) and Memorabilia Chairman Hazel Baird Lease began working on Centennial in 1966.



When EST Helen Sackett (r.) retired, 1962 she was succeeded by capable Central Office worker, Dorothy Vaaler.



Support of Logopedics continues in numerous ways. LEFT: Judith Bormann, Theta Fellow, does research at Institute. RIGHT: Theta also supports Occupational Therapy Department. This girl is learning to iron as part of her important therapy.





## 1968

JUNE 16-21—Hospitality is extended to Theta for the third time at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island as preliminary plans for Centennial become the main subject of the forty-eighth Grand Convention. Mary Forrest Brandriff, chairman of Centennial, presents attractive gold seals to decorate letters in the interim two years and has black and gold Centennial charms for every bracelet . . . Campus unrest is discussed with distressed collegiates and Dean Doris Seward, Kappa Kappa Gamma, as keynote speaker, points to need of fraternity-minded women to help preserve high ideals today.

## 1969

MARCH 1—*Delta Pi* chapter is installed on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with members of Alpha Eta serving as the installing chapter. The chapter is housed in a beautifully decorated suite in the Panhellenic Building.

JUNE 12-16—Second Leadership Conference

meets at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing education in Norman. Workshops for district officers, seminars and table-talks on all phases of college chapter management and alumnae-student relationship provide inspiration.

JUNE 19—Immediately following Leadership Conference, four members of Grand Council, the District XVIII officers and executive secretary-treasurer travel to Tampa, Florida, to install *Delta Rho* chapter. Sixty-eight members of the local Tri Chi don their kites to launch the fourth chapter in the state of Florida.

During this decade these alumnae chapters were chartered: Albuquerque, Phoenix, 1960; Amarillo, Shreveport, 1963; Memphis, 1964; Birmingham, Michigan, 1967; Diablo Valley, California, 1968; Northern Virginia, Palo Alto, California, 1969.

*Kappa Alpha Theta begins its 100th year with 95 collegiate chapters, 77 alumnae chapters, 247 alumnae clubs and approximately 82,000 members.*



President Edwards gave charter, Utah installation (1965).



Doris Drew Davison, Delta, (r.) drew Centennial seal (1968).



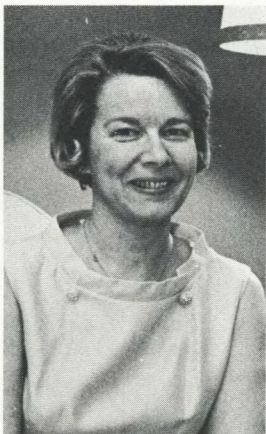
Leadership Conference, non-convention years, began 1967.



PEOPLE . . . . . THEN AND NOW



Mary Margaret McBride, Alpha Mu, was 18 in middy blouse pic, later appears more sophisticated as famous radio personality.



Grand President Jorgensen, college 1943; 1969.



Sevilla Cleveland, Alpha 1889, later became Washington state legislator.

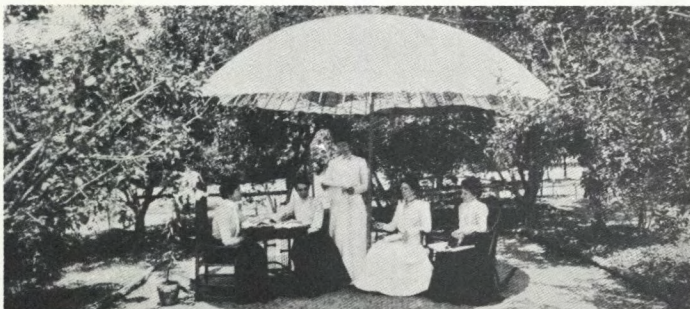


Theta pins were worn in hair, on collar or . . . Not so today.





## GRAND COUNCILS ..... THEN AND NOW



First picture extant of Theta Grand Council session. This 1902 meeting was in California; scene is President Wickson's garden. Serving were a president, 3 v. p.'s, a secy., a treas. L. to r., Pres. Ednah Wickson; L. Pearle Green, v. p. & secy; Grace Eagleson, Adelaide Hoffman, v. p.'s; Edith Cockins, treas. & editor.



These 1956-58 officers did not have an "immense Chinese umbrella" as did those in 1902, but enjoyed the outdoors without umbrella at 1956 Banff convention. This was the last small Council of six: a pres., 3 v. p.'s, treas. & grand alumnae secy. L. to r., Flivver Little, Pres. Letty Munz, Hazel Lease, Evelyn Tunncliffe, Mary Brandriff and Alice Gonser.



With 1958 reorganization Grand Council grew to 15 members, has stayed at 15. At right is the first enlarged Council elected, at 1958 Galen Hall convention. Officers are five—a pres., 4 v. p.'s covering administrative, alumnae, college, finance & service fields & assisted by 10 members-at-large. President Letty Munz is in front row, second from right.





## COLLEGE CHAPTERS . . . THEN AND NOW



These were true Greek maidens as founding Phi chapter at Stanford gathered for a picture. These girls were members of 1892 graduating class. Note Theta pins worn at the neck (see two in back row, third and fourth from the left).

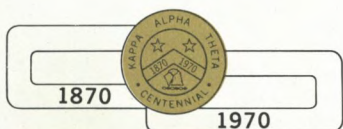


Alpha Chi Thetas at Purdue went in for long skirts and a variety of string ties in this picture taken in 1924. Hose were dark, shoes were sturdy and practically everyone was wearing a skirt and blouse.



They tell us life is grim in 1969, but these Theta smiles belie this. Relaxed and happy, Beta Zeta chapter, Oklahoma State, seems to be saying, "Yes, we're glad we're Thetas."





Theta Links the Centuries . . . . .

Centennial  
Convention

Hotel Del Coronado  
June 13-19, 1970

Anniversary Pageant

Fun Night Fiesta

Founders' Days

Kappa Alpha Theta



# KAPPA ALPHA THETA CONVENTION

June 13-19, 1970

Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado, Calif.

## Transportation

Consult your local travel agent. *Everyone* is to make her own travel arrangements to Coronado . . . American and United Airlines fly directly to San Diego. Other airlines require connecting flights from Los Angeles.

Bus transportation will be provided from San Diego airport to the hotel on Saturday, June 13, *only* and return on Friday, June 19. Anyone arriving other days may take the limousine to Coronado . . . Hospitality hostesses will be at the airport on Saturday, June 13 to help with bus information.

## Convention Cost

**HOTEL**—\$23.90 per person, per day twin bedded room, full American plan. See room reservation blank for rates for other types of accommodations.

**REGISTRATION**—\$30.00 full time. Covers favors, banquet, convention kit, *Kite* newspaper, baggage in and out of hotel and convention expenses. Registration fee will be pro-rated on a per diem basis for those not attending the entire convention. **NOTE:** Registration fee is to be paid upon registering at the hotel. *Do not mail to Central Office.*

**TAX AND GRATUITY**—A charge of 15% for gratuities and a 5% sales tax are included in the quoted room rates . . . Please have traveler's checks to cover expenses; do not plan to cash large personal checks.

## Clothes To Bring

1. Sport clothes for swimming, tennis, golf 2. Costume for Fun Night 3. Formal (long or short) for banquet 4. Casual dresses for the meetings 5. Informal dresses for evening 6. Comfortable shoes 7. Raincoat 8. Lightweight knits and sweaters (San Diego can be cool in June)

## Convention Program

Saturday, June 13	—	Registration 8:00 P.M. Niké ceremony
Sunday, June 14	—	Church 10 A.M. Opening meeting 12:30 P.M. Foundation luncheon 4:00-6:00 P.M. Grand Council reception
Monday, June 15	—	9:00 A.M. College and alumnae seminars 12:30 P.M. Panhellenic luncheon 8:00 P.M. Centennial pageant
Tuesday, June 16	—	9:00 A.M. Seminars <i>Free afternoon</i> 6:30 P.M. Awards dinner 8:00 P.M. District Sing
Wednesday, June 17	—	9:00 A.M. General meeting 12:30 P.M. Mother, daughter, grandmother luncheon 6:30 P.M. Fun Night in costumes 8:00 P.M. Talent show
Thursday, June 18	—	9:00 A.M. General meeting 12:30 P.M. Honoraries luncheon 2:00 P.M. Final meeting and installation 7:00 P.M. Formal banquet
Friday, June 19	—	Departure after breakfast





Is this spot in your future? Hopefully so, since Coronado, the Crown City, located across the bay from San Diego, is a sight worth seeing. The Hotel Del Coronado, where Theta's Centennial Convention will be held June 13-19, 1970, can be seen in the center distance standing on 20-acres bordered on one side by the Pacific Ocean, on the other by Glorietta Bay.



### Convention Tours

The following tours are planned for the free afternoon, Tuesday, June 16: San Diego Zoo, Sea World, Harbor Cruise. (Tours also available other afternoons for visitors.) Please make reservations early at registration desk.

**SAN DIEGO ZOO** (*above*), \$5.00. Largest zoo in world, many animals shown out of doors.  
**SEA WORLD** (*below, center*), \$6.00. Largest

oceanarium in the world with dolphins, sea lions, porpoises—and trained killer whale.

**HARBOR CRUISE** (*below, left*), \$5.00.

**TIJUANA, MEXICO** shopping tour (*below right*), \$4.00. This tour will be offered on one day *other* than the free afternoon.

*Prices include transportation on tours, admission where charged, bus trip through zoo.*





# CONVENTION RESERVATIONS

## Room Reservation Request

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JUNE 13-19, 1970

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- ☐ \$29.25 per person, per day Lanai Room (twin) full American Plan
- ☐ \$34.60 per person, per day Parlor Suite (twin) full American Plan

This includes the 5% tax and 15% gratuity.

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Alumnæ Delegate ..... Alumnæ Visitor .....

Chapter where initiated ..... College .....

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Miss .....

First name

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Last name

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Mrs.

Mrs.

Miss ..... Miss .....

Address .....

If you do not have a roommate, check here:

..... To be assigned by hotel

Date arriving ..... Date departing .....

REMARKS: .....



## RESERVATIONS FOR HUSBANDS

Due to limited space in the hotel, it will be necessary for husbands to reserve rooms in two adjoining motels. Rates will be the same as at the Del Coronado. Meals at the hotel are included in the room rate as well as the 5% tax and 15% gratuity. Reservations and billing will be handled through the Del Coronado.

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## KITE SUBSCRIPTION

The convention newspaper, *The Kite*, will sail for the 26th time at the Centennial Convention. Issues will be mailed daily from convention at \$1.50 for five issues (registration fee covers cost for those at convention). If you are not going to convention, order yours now.

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The page is framed by a decorative border of black silhouettes. At the top left is a bell tower. To its right is a church with a bell tower. Below the bell tower on the left is a person kneeling with a large cross. To the right of the church is a person sitting on a chair. Below the kneeling person is a person standing and playing a maraca. To the right of the person with the maraca is a person standing and holding a flag. Below the person with the maraca is a person standing and playing a guitar. To the right of the person with the guitar is a sailboat. Below the sailboat is a person standing and playing a guitar. To the right of the person with the guitar is a person standing and playing a guitar. The silhouettes are connected by swirling lines.

# FIESTA 100

## THETA'S TRADITIONAL FUN NIGHT— JUNE 17, 1970

"Fiesta" has a very special meaning in this land of Spanish and Mexican tradition. Fiesta is a way of thinking, feeling, doing—singing, dancing, laughing—eating and having fun!

FIESTA 100 will see lovely ladies who have stepped from the pages of California and Theta history over the exciting and glamorous hundred years since the days of our Founders—a century that has taken us from gold-panners, can-can girls, sombrero'd Dons and their mantilla'd señoritas to movie queens, television stars and men on the moon. We may see costumes of the period your chapter was chartered or possibly a preview of what our actives will be wearing on Theta's 200th birthday.

Start thinking about what *you'll* represent—the sky's the limit. Or is it, anymore?

B. Hernandez



DON'T MISS THETA'S



100th BIRTHDAY

This is an invitation for every Theta to make plans to attend a Founders' Day celebration during the memorable month of our founding. Not often do you have the opportunity to go to a 100th Birthday Party. So please don't miss this one.

Obviously, all of the dates and places where programs will be held cannot be listed here but there is certain to be one near enough that you can attend. We think that practically all Founders' Days will be held on January 24 or 27, 1970.

Even if you have never attended an alumnae meeting, we want *you* to attend this Centennial Founders' Day. Simply telephone the alumnae chapter or club president nearest you (see list on pages 60, 61, Autumn 1969 issue). Ask her when and where the festivities will be—then make your reservation.

We say we are 78,000 strong. Let's all be there to be counted on Founders' Day 1970.—JOANN CRITES THOMPSON, *Grand Vice-President, Alumnae Program*.

**Friendship Fund**—In the heart of every Theta there is a special feeling of tenderness on Founders' Day. Especially will this be true in January 1970 when we celebrate our first century and make plans and set goals for the second. The Friendship Fund, nourished by the love and concern of every Theta for every other Theta, has graced the program each Founders' Day since its inception in 1926 and has sent its message of courage, good cheer and love into Theta homes the continent over, saying, "Remember, you are not alone."

As we bring our gifts on Theta's 100th birthday, let us give from the heart knowing that from that glow within we may light again the flame of Faith, Hope, Love in another.—VIRGINIA FORD HOOD, *Grand Vice-President, Service Program*.

*Any member not able to attend a Founders' Day and wishing to contribute to the Friendship Fund during this Centennial year may send her gift to Theta's Central Office.*





# Over the DESKTOP

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## Quotation for Centennial Issue

*"A fraternity is not truly an entity in itself. Rather it derives its life, its vitality, its contemporary value from people, thousands and thousands of people, each in his or her own time."*

NORMA ANDERSON JORGENSEN, *Grand President*

YOUR EDITOR HAS A NOTION that no one will ever be able to count up the numbers and numbers of people who have united their efforts to make Theta's Centennial celebration a success. Indeed, not only is fraternity dependent on people who constantly renew its life, as stated so aptly by President Jorgensen above, but also every detail of the workings of fraternity represents the efforts of people, many of them laboring quietly and unknown.

Thus we dedicate this Centennial "Over the Desktop" page to people, Theta people, and particularly to those who are working on Centennial committees and projects.

In preparing this Centennial Issue of the Theta Magazine we have had the help of half a dozen of such people and we cannot thank them enough. The following Thetas have done research projects for this magazine and in some instances written the copy to go with it:

*Solveig Berg Dietz*, Beta Phi, Penn State, story on Theta's Pin; portion of Theta Is.

*Jerry Ann Lewis Dunn*, Beta Zeta, Oklahoma State, The World In 1870.

*Jeanne Gullett*, Delta, Illinois, formerly Theta's associate executive secretary, portion of Theta Is.

*Nancy Taylor Keenan*, Alpha Chi, Purdue, Education In 1870 and 1970.

*Mary Kathryn Murphy Thompson*, Gamma deutron, Ohio Wesleyan, The World In 1970.

*Virginia Cooper Westall*, Alpha Omicron, Oklahoma, story of our founders and founding.

In addition, there are those Thetas who served on the committee to select the winning Centennial Song (see pages 42-43). All of these have a musical background, some are active in teaching. Thanks go to *Ann Nichol Chadwick*, Alpha Theta, Texas; *Judy Shields Kay*, Alpha Theta, Texas; *Letty Henderson Munz*, Chi, Syracuse, past grand president; *Cay Womack*, Alpha Theta, Texas, committee chairman and fraternity music chairman.

Then, what about Theta's Centennial Committee, which has been working since early 1966? *Mary Forrest Brandriff*, Tau, Northwestern, and Beta Tau, Denison, is the chairman of this committee. She is assisted by *Barbara Tanner Hastings*, Tau, Northwestern; *Theora Tefft Loop*, Psi, Wisconsin; *Jeanne Ross Miller*, Alpha Psi, Lawrence, and Tau, Northwestern.

Another related committee is the Memorabilia Committee whose duty it is to gather up Theta mementoes for both the Archives Room at Central Office and for display at the Centennial Convention. *Hazel Baird Lease*, Alpha Nu, Montana, a past grand president, chairs this committee with helpers: *Mary Reiman Maurer*, Beta, Indiana; *Carol Green Wilson*, Phi, Stanford; *Mary Margaret Kern Garrard*, Alpha Chi, Purdue; *Virginia Ford Hood*, Alpha Omicron, Oklahoma.

Then there is the "honorary" Centennial Committee of the thirteen living past grand presidents plus the past executive secretary-treasurer, *Helen E. Sackett*. *Virginia Speidel Edwards*, Alpha Tau, Cincinnati, immediate past grand president, heads this committee.

We could go on and on listing names of those who have assisted with Centennial. Certainly all of Grand Council, all district presidents, all of the staff of Central Office, and particularly Dorothy Schulze Vaaler, executive secretary-treasurer, have been vital factors in its success. Names of others who will be helping with the Indiana celebration in January 1970 and with convention itself will be listed later. We close with President Norma, as we opened with her, for indeed, "fraternity . . . derives its life from people . . . people . . . people."—MMKG.



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